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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. J. C. McDougall (9), informed the M. W. the Grand Master, who, with his Grand Officers, proceeded in processions and assumed their stations. A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. Sam Harris to retire and introduce the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

M. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, and his Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. John H. G. Russell; and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill to retire and introduce the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. J. C. Carter, and his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate. On entering the lodge, the above were introduced as follows: M. W. Bro. Sam Harris:

"It again gives me pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the members of this Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, both of whom are well-known to all of us."

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill:

"It affords me a great deal of pleasure to introduce M. W. Bro. J. C. Carter, and R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan."

The Grand Master welcomed the distinguished visitors as follows:

"It is indeed very pleasing to me, M. W. Bro. Pilkey, to welcome you to this Grand Lodge. It was my very great pleasure to see you, last week, installed in the Chair of King Solomon. I know something of the high regard in which you are held by your brethren in Manitoba, and I am sure they are looking forward to a most successful year, and I pray God's richest blessing may dwell upon you and be with you."

"R. W. Bro. Russell, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome you here. You are beloved by all of us, and I am very much indebted to you for coming to our Grand Lodge."

"M. W. Bro. Carter, to use an old phrase: 'We twa hae paid'ld in the burn'. It was my great privilege to see you installed last year. I have watched, with a great deal of interest, your services to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and you have made a rich contribution to the cause of Masonry in that Province."

"R. W. Bro. Tate, there are times when words are superfluous. You know you are welcome in Alberta, and it is always a pleasure to have you here. I am very glad to welcome you this morning."
Grand Master:

"I would now ask R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming to retire and introduce the Mayor of the City of Calgary."

On entering the Lodge Room, R. W. Bro. Cumming introduced His Worship as follows:

"M. W. Sir, I introduce to you, and through you to the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, His Worship, R. W. Bro. Andrew Davison, Mayor of Calgary."

Grand Master:

"R. W. Bro. Davison, you have been received into the Grand Lodge of Alberta on many occasions, and all the nice things that were said to you on those occasions are re-iterated and endorsed. I would like, at this time, to express the gratification of the Grand Lodge on the

wonderful work you have done in this City. You have learned your Masonry and you have learned it well, and have given us in this city a wonderful and very competent and business-like administration, and a city in which we are proud to live. I would ask you to approach the East, and take a seat.

"Our esteemed Bro. Davison requires to leave almost immediately, and I am going to give him the opportunity of saying a few words."

R. W. Bro. Davison, Mayor of Calgary:

"I want to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the very hearty manner in which you received me this morning. Since 1930—I must confess I have lost count of the times—it has been my pleasure to extend civic congratulations, and I am just as delighted this morning, as I was on previous occasions.

"This is the first meeting of the Grand Lodge since the war in Europe has been fought and won, and I know you will agree with me, as Masons, when I say that although we have been victorious in Europe, our job is not yet over. I know you will concur in my suggestion that the problems of winning the peace are just as serious, just as onerous as those of winning the war, but I am firmly convinced, and I know you are too, that if the representatives of the United Nations will work as well together in winning the peace as they did in conducting the war, then certainly we are going to have a just and equitable peace, when that particular job has been done.

"After all, we, as Freemasons, have an interest in these very problems, because we recognize that from the time of the advent of Hitler and Mussolini, our Craft has suffered to an extent that probably we in this country will never appreciate, and we are looking forward to the day when once again in war-torn Europe, all of the Grand Lodges will be resurrected and revived, and that once again Freemasonry, under the new democracy we hope we will have over there, will be able to carry on its work as we do in the English-speaking countries today.

"I have noted, with interest, the progress the Craft has made during the past year, and that our finances are in excellent shape. There has been an increase in membership. Our thanks are due to our Grand Master for the splendid job he has done. I have personally watched his efforts in Masonry with much satisfaction and much interest, and for the past twelve months he has done a wonderful job, and I want to publicly say 'Thank you' to him.

"To the delegates from outside of the City of Calgary, once more I am delighted to convey good wishes of our people, and still—having regard for the fact that I know a good many of the brethren here today—I am willing to take a chance and give them the freedom of the city.

"To the representatives of the other Grand Bodies, an equally sincere welcome is extended. I close, expressing the hope that your Victory Session of our Grand Lodge will prove the most successful of our Order in this Province, and having regard for the calibre of the delegates I see here this morning, I am convinced in my own mind this will come to pass. I have an appointment at 11 o'clock, but I would like to stay for the special service, and I will try and get back before the session ends."

Grand Master:

"I have here in my hand a very frail gavel which has been travelling around the Grand Lodges of North America. I will read the letter received with the gavel:

" 'History of the Gavel sent by R. W. Bro. Earley W. Bridges, Greensboro, North Carolina:

" 'It is made of poplar wood taken from the Guilford Courthouse Battle Ground near our city. The Battle of Guilford Courthouse was one of the decisive battles of the Revolutionary War, and General Nathaniel Greene was in command. This battle was fought in March, 1781. The battle ground is now a National Military Park, and is the most beloved place in this section of the State. The wood in the gavel grew in this field'."

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

(This service appears in full, following the Grand Master's Address, facing page 36.)

Grand Master:

"My heartfelt thanks are due to R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. John House, Grand Chaplain, for this beautiful service, and on your behalf I extend my thanks.

The M. W. the Grand Master then asked R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar, R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard, and R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, to approach the East.

Grand Master:

"R. W. Bro. Agar, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to present to you at this time the Commission of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Venezuela as their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I had a great deal of pleasure in recommending you for this position, and I know from past experience that you will make a very worthy and able representative.

"R. W. Bro. Howard, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to present your Commission as Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and on behalf of their Grand Master, I have much pleasure in presenting you with this Commission.

"R. W. Bro. Williams, I also had great pleasure in recommending you as Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the Grand Lodge of Georgia. I know you will perform your duties in this high office, and I congratulate you."

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. W. the Grand Master requested the Grand Representatives who were present to remain standing until all names had been called. Greetings were then presented by the Grand Representatives present.

Grand Master:

"I wish to express my thanks to you for these Greetings from your respective Grand Jurisdictions. You are the link in that great chain of Brotherhood which unites us throughout the world, and which is so strong today, and which we desire to make stronger in the future. I trust you will all convey to your respective Grand Bodies our hearty

greetings and best wishes for their success, and I will request each one of you to kindly sign the special register for Grand Representatives."

MINUTES

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (11): "That the Minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication, held in the City of Edmonton, on June 14th and 15th, 1944, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from the following:

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, R. W. Bro. J. C. Bowen.
Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
Grand Lodge of Montana.
M. W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7).
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).
M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83).
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44).
M. W. Bro. A. West (7).
R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14).
R. W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre (92).
R. W. Bro. Oscar Hawthorn (97).
V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24).

M. W. Bro. West in his letter regretting his inability to attend, gave the reason that his son, who had been a prisoner of war in Germany for a number of years, had just returned home.

Grand Master:

"I am sure, Brethren, we deeply appreciate these letters, and regret the inability of these Brethren to be present. I am sure you will want me to instruct our Grand Secretary to send telegram to M. W. Bro. West, congratulating him and his son on being re-united, and express our joy that he is back in the family once again."

The Grand Secretary advised that telegrams of greeting had been sent to the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Iowa and Nova Scotia.

Grand Master's Address

My Dear Brethren:

I have much pleasure in welcoming you one and all to this Fortieth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. To those of you who are present for the first time, I especially welcome you, and trust that your interest in our work will be so aroused that you will seek to come often and take part in our deliberations. Those of my many brethren who are old timers, I am glad to welcome and enjoy the pleasure of their fellowship once more, and I sincerely trust that our Communication here today will be a source of great inspiration to us all, that shall redound to the honour and glory of Craft Freemasonry in our fair Province of Alberta.

When last we met in Edmonton, our hearts were full of fear, for the Allied Armies were storming the beachheads of Normandy, and we were anxious lest the fortifications of the enemy should overwhelm our forces, and bring further disaster upon us. But the prowess of our armies proved too great for the enemy, so that today the Capital of Germany is in rubble, her forces routed, and on May 7th of this year, she unconditionally surrendered to the Allied Nations.

Continental Europe has suffered darkness for five long years, her population driven into slavery, those who resisted were tortured to death in a most hideous manner. Indeed the atrocities discovered by our Armies, perpetrated in German Prison and Concentration Camps, palls into insignificance the ghastly tales of Edgar Allen Poe. It is inconceivable that humanity could sink so low as to commit such diabolical fiendish acts upon their fellow human beings. The blood of these martyrs cries aloud to us that we shall do all in our power never to permit such bestiality again. War, with all its fiendish horrors, must cease; it will be up to each and every one of us to use his best endeavours not to tolerate a condition that would engender another world war, and we should strive to educate the peoples of the world to know that under a democracy there is no place for war.

I cannot pass from this phase of my address without reference to one of the world's greatest heroes, who gave his life for his fellow man, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was a martyr to his fidelity. He was an aristocrat with democratic tendencies, for he loved his fellow man, so much so, that his feeble body could not withstand the heavy assaults made upon him. From foes without, and enemies within, he was constantly struggling against forces which would seem to desire to place selfishness in control. He loved his fellow man, and because of that, his passing caused a world to mourn. He will go down in history as one of the World's Greatest Statesmen.

To his successor, Harry S. Truman, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we offer our warmest congratulations and best wishes. We have no doubt but that he will follow in the footsteps of his great predecessor, and champion the cause of the four freedoms, so that the Victory won shall not be lost.

As good citizens of a Great Commonwealth we, at this time, pledge our loyalty to our King with the fervent prayer that he may be long spared to rule over and direct our paths in the way of peace, so that his people may call him blessed.

NECROLOGY

The Grand Lodge was exceedingly fortunate this past year in that death did not stalk its official ranks, but a number of well-beloved brethren were called upon to "Pass through the Valley of the Shadow", among whom were several Past Grand Lodge Officers and Past District Deputy Grand Masters. I would particularly like to mention the following:

R. W. Bro. THOMAS SHARP, well known to many of us, and for sixteen years was our Grand Treasurer. He was a member of Calgary Lodge, No. 23, and their Chaplain for 22 years. Truly, he was a Christian gentleman, a brother of the Craft who cherished its high ideals and endeavoured to live according to its precepts. Here was a brother it was a privilege to call a friend, and to know him was to love him.

R. W. Bro. EDWARD FLAVIN who passed away in the City of Edmonton at the ripe age of 84, was the first Worshipful Master of King George Lodge, No. 59, and laid the foundation of that lodge so truly that it today enjoys the distinction of being one of our banner lodges. A frequent attender at our communications, until his health laid him aside, he worked hard for the good of Masonry, never countenanced shoddy Degree Work, and always inspired the young Mason to give of his best.

Among the Honoured Dead of our Sister Jurisdictions, I would seek to pay tribute to the following:

M. W. Bro. FRANK S. McKEE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who passed away on August 24th, 1944, at Vancouver, B.C. He was well-known to many of us personally, and we liked to remember him for his great friendship. He lived and loved his Freemasonry and worked hard for it for many years, never permitting any deviation from its accepted principles. He was an ardent worker in our Inter-Provincial Conference, striving always to promote the good fellowship of each other, so that Freemasonry's boundaries would know no State line.

M. W. Bro. WILLIAM MADDEN FLY, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas. It was not my privilege to have met this esteemed Brother, but I can say I knew him spiritually. For many years I enjoyed the privilege of reviewing the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge, of which he was the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and its principal reviewer. In this way we came very close to one another, so that I looked upon him as a friend, and if ever there was a Grand Lodge I would have liked to have visited, it was Texas, just for the opportunity of shaking the hand of this Brother. I know something of the veneration in which he was held by his brethren, and truly a great light went out with his passing.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following Grand Lodges, in the loss of their Grand Secretary:

District of Columbia	R. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper
Missouri	R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather
Oregon	R. W. Bro. D. Rufus Cheney
Washington	M. W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler

Due reference will be made in another Report of the many departed brethren.

*We cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with us no more
Along the path of life we tread;
They have but gone before.*

*And still their silent ministries
Within our hearts have place,
As when on earth they walked with us
And met us face to face.*

*Ours are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free;
For God hath given to love to keep
Its own eternally.*

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I was able to attend all the District Meetings, and had the company of our Grand Secretary at each one, with the exception of two, which sorrowful circumstances prevented his attendance.

I am gratified with the result of my District Meetings this year; all were well attended and a deep interest manifested by the brethren in our proceedings. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for a Grand Master to come very close to his brethren; the fellowship together, the social intercourse, and the little chats with each and every one, give evidence of a wonderful spirit of brotherhood that is existent throughout our fair Province. For many years there had not been a Lodge of Instruction or Degree work, as many of the Lodges had not had a candidate for years, so it became evident to me that an exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree was highly desirable. I am convinced that the impression created in the candidate's mind when he is received into Freemasonry is lasting, and it is necessary that this Degree be conferred in as impressive and spontaneous a manner as possible. I, therefore, instructed my Deputies to arrange for one of the Lodges in his District to confer this Degree at the District Meeting. Little difficulty was experienced in obtaining a candidate; many of the Lodges were glad of the opportunity of displaying their handiwork, although some entertained a certain amount of diffidence in working before Grand Lodge Officers.

I was exceedingly fortunate in having a member of the Committee on the Work at most of my District Meetings, and to M. W. Bro. John Martland and M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis I am deeply indebted for the instructive criticism given. By reason of our having two "Workings" and the inter-visitation of Lodges, it is inevitable that wordings of one Rite will creep into the other, and much of the corrections necessary were of this nature. These criticisms provoked a good deal of discus-

sion and proved of great interest to the brethren present; indeed, long after the meetings were closed, little groups could be seen discussing their particular pet theory with one or other of the Grand Lodge Officers. Much of the success of the District Meetings is due, in no small measure to the attendance of the Members on the Committee on the Work, and my sincere thanks and appreciation is hereby tendered to them at this time. I am quite satisfied that the impetus given at the District Meetings has done much to improve the Ritualistic Work in our lodges, and on my many visits I witnessed some very excellent work.

While on the subject of Ritual, I would seek to commend to my brethren the efforts of those members of the "Committee on the Work" in bringing forward for your consideration at this Communication, a "Canadian Work" which will be standard in Alberta, and I trust you will authorize its printing and use, so that many of the complaints of the past may be obviated, and all work from the same blue print.

The visit of every Grand Master to District No. 13 is always a high light in his year of office, and to me this was no exception. Leaving Calgary on Monday morning, the Grand Secretary and myself travelled to Edmonton, where we were met by our good friend and brother, M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, who conveyed us from one railway station to the other, and saw us on our way north. On awakening the following morning we espied M. W. Bro. Sam Harris walking along the side of the tracks. Rapping on the window to call his attention, he was soon at our side, and from there until we boarded the train on Friday night at High Prairie, he was our guide, counsellor and friend throughout the "Peace". At Spirit River we were met by our Deputy Grand Master and a number of the brethren, and taken from the train. From this point on, our visit in the "Peace" sounds like a romance; we were driven by car to Pouce Coupe, where we met W. Bro. K. O. Aspol, Worshipful Master of Peace Lodge of Dawson Creek. We were then taken to Dawson Creek for lunch, following which the boys gave us an opportunity of viewing the wonders of the Alcan Highway. We went to the new Peace Bridge and on up as far as the Airport at Fort St. John. Returning, we were entertained to dinner. In the evening lodge was convened, and I had an opportunity of meeting with the brethren, and conveying the greetings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as well as those of our own Grand Lodge. I was privileged to address the brethren. During the lodge meeting a thunderstorm arose, and we experienced the virtues, or otherwise, of a clay that sticketh closer than a brother, and harder than cement, that required the working tools of an E. A. to remove. Following the lodge meeting we had a wonderful refreshment period; the warmth of the welcome of the brethren, their very generous hospitality, and their downright good fellowship, marks this trip as one which will long be remembered. My sincere thanks are due to Wor. Bro. Aspol and his brethren for making our stay with them so pleasant and happy.

The District Meeting was held at Hythe on Wednesday afternoon. Driving from Dawson Creek, the brethren saw to it that every vantage point of that grand expanse of country was drawn to our attention, and for a few hours we marvelled at its grandeur. A very successful District Meeting was held, which included an address by R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams. The Degree was conferred in a very dignified manner, and I am indebted to M. W. Bro. Sam Harris for acting as critic of the Work. A very pleasant social time was enjoyed by all and I was

deeply impressed by the quality of the brand of Masonry displayed throughout the Peace River area.

Early next morning our party set out for the town of Peace River, going by way of Spirit River, where the brethren of the lodge entertained us to lunch. From there we proceeded by way of Fairview, making a stop, but unfortunately were not able to encounter many of the brethren at that point. Proceeding onwards, we continued our journey to the town of Peace River. Our stay here will long remain in my book of pleasant memories. The lodge here is extremely fortunate in having Bro. Sovereign, the Lord Bishop of Athabasca, as one of its enthusiastic members, and it was a great privilege and pleasure to me to meet Bro. Sovereign, and express our thanks for his deep interest in Craft Masonry in his Diocese. We were entertained to dinner, following which Lodge was opened and an opportunity given to me to address the brethren. Later a social hour was spent, and in an informal manner, many aspects of Freemasonry were discussed. Before leaving the following morning, we were driven to see many of the beauty spots of the neighborhood.

Friday evening found us in High Prairie, where we enjoyed the hospitality of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, and there entrained for home, completing a week full of joy and pleasant memories and downright good Masonic fellowship.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Bro. Rev. Lord, Bro. Clifford Magee and Wor. Bro. Maurice for their part in providing the facilities and means of touring this great Peace River area.

It is impossible for me to go into detail of each of the seventeen District Meetings, much as a Grand Master would like to point out the high lights of all. Suffice it to say that each Deputy put forth his best effort to make his particular meeting the best, and I am convinced that these District Meetings are productive of much good, helping to maintain a high standard of the "Work" and uniformity in the business mechanics of Freemasonry. I think it is a mistake to have a uniform programme throughout the Jurisdiction; the present procedure has been followed for years, and has, to a certain extent, become moribund. Our District Deputies usually have from six to eight months from the time of their election to installation at Grand Lodge; during that period, it would seem to me, they could to advantage consult with the several Masters in their District, and outline a programme on the matters they would like discussed and considered, and submit the same to the incoming Grand Master for approval. It should be remembered that the District Meetings are primarily for the purpose of the Grand Master to meet as many of his brethren as possible, that he is their servant, and is anxious to help them in every way he can, and only as they make their wants known can he be of assistance. Some of the sessions became tedious because of reports that have been ill-prepared, that no well defined principle has been established as to what those reports should contain, and consequently it is impossible for a Grand Master to obtain a coherent perspective of the condition of Masonry in the District. A specially prepared form which all lodges should complete would obviate many difficulties at present existent. Then again, I think it would be of assistance to the Grand Master if the District could give him some indication of the subject on which they would like him to speak. In my year of office, Worshipful Masters have said to me: "On your visit we are conferring the Entered Appren-

tice Degree, so I would appreciate it if you will speak to the candidates on this Degree". It made the visit much more pleasant to me to know that the subject on which I was speaking was by request, and it is surprising the number of brethren who will come forward after such a talk and thank you for it, and admit they had wished they had received something like that when they entered Freemasonry.

No District Meeting is complete without the Grand Secretary, and his presence contributed in large measure to its success. Following the procedure adopted last year, the Grand Secretary held an Open Forum, discussing the general mechanics of administration, the amendments to the Constitution passed at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, and such matters of interest of world wide Freemasonry as came within his purview. His was a contribution worthy of our M. W. Brother and the high office he fills. I am also indebted to our Junior Grand Warden for his contribution to the District Meetings, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell possesses a wonderful fund of knowledge, Masonic and otherwise, which is available to his brethren, and his talks at our District Meetings were not only appreciated, but whetted the appetite of the brethren, so that in process of time, I know he will render a good account of himself.

No Grand Master was ever given a finer aggregation of District Deputies to serve him than was my good fortune. Each and every one did his utmost to make his District Meeting a success, and most of them achieved this. If time and space permitted, I would have liked to commend each one individually for his particular effort, but I want my Deputies to know the deep appreciation I have for their fidelity and the true Masonic spirit displayed in carrying out the arduous duties of that high office. Your reward is manifest in the service you have contributed to Freemasonry and the satisfaction of a job well done.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

The question of relaxing the physical qualifications is one which every Grand Master is called upon to answer. The demand becomes more insistent during or following a war such as we have been waging during the past six years; and there is no doubt that there is much merit to the arguments brought forward. Our young men have been called upon, voluntary or otherwise, to offer themselves for the service of their country, and in that service have suffered the loss of limbs or wounds which would prevent them from complying with our Ritual. Our Constitution gives ample scope for a Grand Master to use his discretion in granting Dispensations to receive Petitions from such candidates, and I suggest that Freemasonry can be best served by allowing the Constitution to remain as it is, and leaving the Grand Master to interpret the regulation in each individual case.

During the past year I have been called upon on six occasions to relax the physical regulations, and upon thorough investigation in each case, I came to the conclusion that no good purpose could be served by refusing the Dispensation. In my opinion, where a candidate is keenly interested in seeking admission, of good moral worth, capable of taking care of himself and his family, and not likely to be a charge on his lodge, I consider every facility should be extended to him to enter Freemasonry—indeed, such an applicant is more likely to appreciate the privileges of our Order than one to whom admittance is easy.

BANFF WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Conference of the Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Grand Jurisdictions was held on September 8th and 9th, 1944, at the Mount Royal Hotel, Banff. Each Grand Lodge, with the exception of British Columbia, had a full complement of representatives. As noted elsewhere, British Columbia had the misfortune to lose their Grand Secretary during the summer, and for this reason, their Grand Master was not able to be present. However, British Columbia had two able representatives in the persons of M. W. Bro. Percy Marchant and R. W. Bro. K. K. Reid, Senior Grand Warden. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, was elected President of the Conference.

AGENDA OF THE FOURTH INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Friday, September 8th, 1944—2 p.m.

1. *Call to Order*—M. W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, I.P.G.M. of Manitoba.
2. *Election of Officers*—President, Vice-President and Secretary.
3. Reading and adoption of Minutes of 1943 Conference.
4. Selection of next meeting place.
5. Reports of Grand Secretary of each Jurisdiction.
 - (a) Re progress of movement of members to respective jurisdictions.
 - (b) Reports from I.P.G.M.'s: re arranging to have representation at the Annual Communication of each of the other three Jurisdictions.
 - (c) Report from M. W. Bro. Bradley, I.P.G.M. of Alberta, Chairman of Committee on Post-War Youth Rehabilitation.

EVENING SESSION:

Other Avenues of Masonic Activities in Rehabilitation.

M. W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

Grand Lodge Benevolent Funds in Post War Days.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Grand Master of Alberta.

Saturday, September 9th, 1944—9:30 a.m.

Given over to intermingling of the Delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 p.m.

Masonry's participation in the spiritual and psychologic reconstruction of those serving or who have served in the Armed Forces.

R. W. Bro. Rev. P. Pilkey, D.G.M. of Manitoba.

How best we can create and increase the interest and zeal of individual Masons in the Lodge and also wider field of Masonic endeavour.

R. W. Bro. Fred C. Hayes, D.G.M., of Saskatchewan.

FORUM—Opened by M. W. Bro. Menzies, Grand Master of British Columbia.

Suggested Topics:

1. Would it be beneficial and helpful to extend time of Conference to two full days?
2. Should wider publicity be given to our Conference discussions in the respective Jurisdictions.

3. What is the Status of Affiliated Brethren from Other Jurisdictions?
 - (a) A Past acquired rank in other Jurisdictions.
 - (b) Wearing of Regalia of other Jurisdictions.
 - (c) Use of Ritual of other Jurisdictions if requested to work.
4. What attitude should be adopted in the recognition of European Grand Lodges in Post War Days?
5. Any other subject introduced.

The value of this Inter-Provincial Conference is becoming more apparent each year, the quality of the papers submitted, the tone of the discussions, and the conclusions arrived at, help to prepare our Grand Lodge Officers for that wonderful year of office when they are called upon to rule the Craft. In my opinion we should make it possible, and even obligatory, for the four principal officers and the Grand Secretary to attend the Conference.

The possibilities of the Conference have not been confined to our own boundaries, the Grand Lodges of Eastern Canada are contemplating organizing in a similar manner. One Grand Lodge, that of Illinois, sent a representative to learn something of our plans for Post War Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. That, brethren, we consider a compliment! We were glad to have this representative with us and to participate to the full in all discussions, and no doubt others hearing of the good work will wish to join in its activities.

The credit for the success of the Banff Conference is due, in no small measure, to the untiring efforts of M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Secretary of the Conference, and to him we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

LODGE NOTICES

During his year of office the Grand Master receives many and varied types of Lodge Notices or Summons; some meticulous in complying with the terms of the Constitution, while others seem oblivious to the fact that a Constitution exists. Some notices are very compelling in their invitation to attend, and must make a Lodge Member keen to be present, while others are so desultory they attract no attention, and tend to keep members away. While I realize that cost is a material factor, nevertheless, I feel that Secretaries should take a deeper interest in the preparation of the material for the Lodge Notice. In setting out the names of the candidates, see that Section 196 is fully complied with; Section 161 requires the Seal of the Lodge, some forget to do this. In a few cases I have been compelled to ask the Grand Secretary to draw to the attention of the Worshipful Master, Section 200, which prohibits Initiation the same evening as the ballot is taken.

The quality and type of the Lodge Notice reflect the character of the Lodge. A good Secretary is one who is keenly interested in his Lodge, and in conjunction with his Worshipful Master, is anxious to promote its welfare. One of the best ways of showing this is by the regular Lodge Summons; don't be satisfied with a stereotype form, good for one year and filled in with ticks; get a little originality into the Notices; make the Lodge Summons something to be anticipated by the members; a piece of poetry, a little personal item, or a word from the Worshipful Master, make it look more attractive, and it is sure to be read, and when read, will inspire a desire to attend.

"GRAND LODGE BULLETIN"

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, who has been Editor of our *Bulletin* since its inception, tendered his resignation to me on his leaving the province for British Columbia, where we hope, ere now, he has returned to his full vigor of health, and enjoying his retirement from a life full of achievement. It was no easy task to find a successor to our esteemed Brother, but I was fortunate in convincing M. W. Bro. Sam Harris to accept the position pro tem. I am satisfied that under M. W. Bro. Harris, the high standard set for our *Bulletin* has been maintained. The editorials written each month by brethren of divergent views, were of a particularly high order, instructive, timely and interesting.

An effort was made to give a full explanation to the meaning of our Three Degrees, so that the newly initiated candidates may start off on the right foot and learn something of what Freemasonry stands for; its aims and objects and create in him an enthusiasm for further study, thus building a better Mason.

In all my talks at the District Meetings I stressed the *Bulletin* as a media of Masonic Education, not only for the new members, but for all. Our distribution has increased, but not to the extent that the effort put forth by your Grand Lodge Officials warrants. This publication should be in the hands of every member of the Lodge; its cost is insignificant, but its value is priceless, and I strongly urge upon every Worshipful Master to do his utmost to furnish a copy to every brother each month.

My warmest thanks are extended to M. W. Bro. Harris for the difficult task undertaken and so well accomplished. In his choice of writers for Editorials, he has met the tastes of all types of readers, and I know he merits and receives the commendation of the brethren for the publication he has presented during the past year.

VISITATIONS

One of the greatest pleasures of a Grand Master is the visitation of Foreign Jurisdictions, and having accepted an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the Grand Secretary and myself visited Regina on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1944. We were greeted by M. W. Bro. Allan Brooks and R. W. Bro. Garner, Grand Treasurer, and escorted to our rooms in the Hotel Saskatchewan. We were privileged to attend the meeting of their Board of General Purposes, which was in session when we arrived at the Temple.

Upon the opening of Grand Lodge we were introduced to the Grand Master and the brethren by M. W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, P.G.M. along with R. W. Bro. Dr. Peter Pilkey, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, in a very friendly and courteous manner.

It was a very enthusiastic body of men that greeted us as we entered, and represented one of the largest attended Communications in the history of this Grand Body, and we could not help but be inspired as we looked over this assemblage of Freemasons.

Your Grand Master was given an opportunity early in the proceedings to address the Grand Lodge, to express our greetings and good fellowship and speak of the challenge that shall be ours when the drums of war shall cease. Your Grand Secretary was also given an opportunity to speak and dwelt in a happy vein on Masonic experiences, much to the amusement of the brethren. We were the recipient of Honorary Membership in accordance with our rank.

I have accepted an invitation to attend the Annual Communication of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I look forward with a keen sense of anticipation to the wonderful time I shall have for two days with the brethren, especially those I am glad to be able to call "friend".

I received invitations to attend the following Grand Lodges: Ontario, British Columbia, Montana, North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin—but time and distance prevented my attendance, much to my regret. I sincerely thank the officers of the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States for their invitation to attend their Annual Conference, but regret this is held at a season the year when I am unable to leave for any extended period.

On November 17th I was privileged to attend Calgary Lodge, No. 23, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred.

On December 11th, Lodge Renfrew celebrated their twenty-first birthday, and I regret that business reasons prevented me from attending this most interesting occasion; however, I was amply represented by our Grand Secretary, who reports a very excellent meeting.

On December 20th being in Vancouver, I attended Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 100, G.R.B.C., and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred in the "Rite of Emulation". This work was new to me, and proved a very instructive evening, for I not only witnessed something new in Masonry to me, but the Lodge that evening was discussing the subject of "Benevolence" and the Questionnaire sent out by their Grand Lodge, so that their reactions were very enlightening to me as one who has given so much time to this subject.

¶ On Tuesday, December 22nd, I was entertained at a Luncheon by M. W. Bro Bird, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, when the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Menzies; M. W. Bro. Dr. Brown, and M. W. Bro. W. Simpson, Grand Secretary, were also guests, and we had a very pleasant time comparing notes. Later in the afternoon, Grand Master Menzies and myself spent a quiet hour on things Masonic. I appreciate very sincerely the kindly feelings and friendship existing between our two Grand Lodges.

On December 27th, I was happy to be present at the Installation of Officers of my own Lodge, Perfection, No. 9.

February 20th found the Grand Secretary and myself in the City of Edmonton, attending the Annual Mounted Police Night of Unity Lodge, No. 51. This is an event in the life of this lodge that is eagerly looked forward to each year, and Wor. Bro. Rivers is deserving of great praise for the magnificent effort he puts forward, not only in rounding up the Mounted Police from all over the Province to fill the chairs, but

for the excellence of the work displayed. A most pleasant evening was spent and well worth the time entailed in travelling to it.

The attendance of the Grand Master, it seems to me, at District Meetings is not sufficient, so I had hoped to cover some of the areas a second time and follow the lead of the Red Deer lodges in having a Grand Master's Night. I regret that I was not able to carry this idea out as I wished, but on Tuesday, March 20th, I visited Lethbridge, when York Lodge, No. 119, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree, and had invited all the lodges in the district to attend. I was very pleased indeed with the large attendance at this meeting, especially from outlying districts, and I trust the brethren were well repaid in making the journey. This type of meeting is conducive of much good, and some effort should be made to expand them. I had hoped to visit the lodges in the Drumheller area in a similar manner, but road conditions prevented the carrying out of the plan.

March 27th I was received at Crescent Lodge, No. 87, when they had the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, as their guests. This proved a very enjoyable meeting to me; I spoke to them of the work of Grand Lodge and its benevolent work; the comments of the brethren proved that this was a subject in which they were deeply interested, and expressed their appreciation at the information conveyed to them.

April 7th I attended Concord Lodge, when again the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred. At this Regular Meeting I was privileged to present to M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis his Commission from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The spirit of this lodge is very keen, they endeavour to present their work in a faultless manner, and the large attendance of their members speaks very highly for the success they have achieved. I would thank the Worshipful Master and his officers for their kind consideration to me on that evening.

April 12th I visited Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, and at my request a number of the surrounding lodges were invited, and I had the pleasure of meeting brethren from Acme, Crossfield, Didsbury, Olds, and Red Deer. It was on this date that we heard the lamentable news of the passing of President F. D. Roosevelt, and after my reception, with the assistance of the Senior Warden of Carstairs Lodge we conducted a short Memorial Service. It is always a pleasure to me to visit the smaller lodges, for I seem to catch a spirit pervading these meetings which brings me very close to my brethren, and somehow to a closer reality of the spiritual value in Freemasonry. This meeting was no exception, and I left Carstairs that evening, feeling well repaid for having visited them.

National celebration nights have become quite a factor, or an excuse for holding special meetings, and so we have "Canadian Night", "Burns Night", "Irish Night" and "St. George's Night". April 19th was such an occasion at Zetland Lodge, No. 83, when they celebrated their Annual Canadian Night, with our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams as their special speaker, and with two city lodges paying fraternal visits. It is always a pleasure to visit Zetland, and this occasion was no exception; their conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree was inspiring, and I was most happy to be able to talk to the candidates and the lodge on the symbolism of this degree.

I was favoured with a large retinue of Past Grand Lodge Officers on this occasion, and I want to express my thanks to them all for being present with me—in fact, one brother was heard to remark that there was more “brass” present than would greet General Montgomery.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, invited me to be with them on Monday, April 23rd, when they conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on four candidates. At this meeting, Bow River Lodge, No. 1, and Lodge Renfrew, No. 134, were their guests, and I was pleased to meet these brethren. The Worshipful Master had specially requested that I give the candidates a talk on the Degree of the evening, a request that pleased me very much, and with which I was most happy to comply.

April 27th, a very stormy evening in Calgary, found me visiting King George Lodge, No. 59, when they celebrated St. George's Day, and were fortunate in having Bro. H. R. Ragg, Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, as their Guest Speaker. At this meeting M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis was commissioned by Mrs. Macaulay to present to the lodge the Grand Master's Regalia of the late M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.G.M., and his Masonic Jewels, which she had beautifully encased in a frame. A perfect exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree was witnessed at this meeting. This lodge is noted for the excellence of its work, and its Worshipful Master has endeavoured to maintain the high standard set. It is unfortunate, at times, that lodges will attempt too large a programme for an evening, especially when they have an outstanding speaker—time marches on, and as a result, justice cannot be done. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Tuesday, May 1st, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, at Okotoks, when they had a large number of brethren from Cornerstone Lodge of High River and from Granite Lodge at Blackie. The Master Mason Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, and I was privileged to address the brethren.

On Thursday, May 10th, I was entertained by the brethren of the two lodges at Red Deer, to which were invited all the lodges in District No. 4. This is an annual meeting, and one which is the source of great pleasure to the Grand Master. The meeting this year was exceptionally interesting, in that R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson of Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, was presented with a Past District Deputy Grand Master's regalia by R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell; also M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley presented R. W. Bro. Stewart E. Wood with a similar set of regalia. I took the opportunity of presenting to R. W. Bro. Alex. Paton, his Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell with his Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I was privileged to address the brethren, following which a splendid supper was served. To my brethren of the Red Deer Lodges I express my heartfelt thanks for their gracious tokens of hospitality to myself, and those who accompanied me.

On Monday, May 21st, I attended at the Annual Empire Celebration put on by Empire Lodge, No. 63, of Edmonton. M. W. Bro. John Martland is responsible for this event, and much of the success is due to his untiring efforts. M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis was the speaker for this occasion, and handled his subject in his usual forthright manner.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARIES

I was especially pleased to receive an invitation from North West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 11, G.R.S., at Regina, to attend their Anniversary, which was held in the Hotel Saskatchewan on Saturday, October 28th, 1944, and to which I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill and M. W. Bro. George Moore. Following a banquet, lodge was convened, and the Master Mason Degree conferred on a candidate by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, assisted by members of the Regina Police Force. It was a thrilling and never to be forgotten experience to witness, in darkness visible, the sparkling red-coated officers performed the ritual of this degree in a manner that was delightful, and in a room crowded with some five or six hundred men. My thanks are extended to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of this Lodge for the opportunity of partaking in this celebration, and the privilege of addressing such a fine concourse of men. In the brochure prepared for the occasion, we observed, among the names of those appearing in the biographical sketch, that of Col. E. G. Sanders of Calgary, who was made in my own Lodge, Perfection, No. 9, and affiliated with North West Mounted Police Lodge in 1908.

I was happy to journey to Innisfail on Thursday, November 16th, when Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary. Accompanying me on this occasion were M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, P.J.G.W., and Wor. Bro. Gore-Hickman. Following the banquet, we adjourned to the lodge room where I was duly received, and the officers of the lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on a candidate. The arrangements for this event were in the hands of R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, who, in his usual skilful and efficient manner, did much towards the success and enjoyment of the evening.

During my Masonic life I have enjoyed many evenings with my brethren, but the meeting held on Tuesday, May 15th, 1945, in Perfection Lodge, No. 9, surpasses anything I have yet experienced. It was the occasion of their Fiftieth Jubilee, and I count it a signal honour that I should hold the exalted office of Grand Master at such a time. It was an outstanding evening, and my brethren excelled themselves in honouring me—they presented me with a Sterling Silver Cake Plate duly inscribed to my wife and myself, and also an illuminated scroll expressing their appreciation of my services to the Craft and the honours bestowed upon me, and with the usual complimentary wishes. The highlight of the evening was an address by Bro. Rev. Dr. Frank Morley, entitled: "The Next Fifty Years". It was arresting, instructive, and the brethren listened with rapt attention. The success of this evening is largely due to the untiring efforts of the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. C. H. Minchin, who spared no pains to see that the celebration was an outstanding event. R. W. Bro. Parker delivered a most interesting and complete history of the Lodge.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

If one were to judge by the number of candidates knocking at our Lodge doors, then could it be said that Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta was in a very flourishing condition—very much alive, yes, but mere members is not the measure of our strength. Like many Grand Masters, I viewed with a certain alarm the great influx of new

members, and cautioned the lodges to be thoroughly diligent in investigating each applicant, to be sure that he is the right type and that he will make a good Mason.

Throughout my year of office, I pleaded with our lodges to make Masons, and not just add members to their lodge roll. Don't be satisfied with conferring the three Degrees upon them and leaving them to their own tender mercies, by requesting them to take a seat among the brethren. I was very pleased to notice that several lodges are using the new members to advantage by giving them an opportunity to take part in the degree work. Delivering the Charge, the lecture on the Tracing Board in the First Degree, and the lecture in the N. E. Corner; some use their younger brethren to coach the candidates in the work of the several degrees. Activities of such a nature stimulate the interest of the younger members, and create an interest that tends to make good Freemasons of them.

I am happy to report that the Condition of our Order in this Jurisdiction is in very excellent shape. Our lodges have had a revival, interest is stimulated, and the brethren have a thirst for Masonic knowledge. They have, without exception, been diligent in writing to the brethren in the Armed Forces, and regularly supply parcels containing cigarettes, candies, etc. The sick are always taken care of, and visits made to such as are in need. Some lodges display interest in their community by taking part in hospital organization, and other ways.

A complete report is furnished by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

MASONRY IN A NEW WORLD ORDER

Much is written these days of a new world Order; blue prints by the thousands have been prepared, organizations of one kind or another have come forward prepared to cure the ills of the world. Man's thoughts are constantly directed towards the material, suggesting that herein lies his salvation. There is no doubt that the depression years did something to the great majority, which left a scar that will take years to eradicate, and it is little wonder that they fear the return of such conditions.

But does the matter lie in materialism; is it not a fact that the depression was merely the culmination of a system of greed and materialism built up over the last two hundred years, and which had reached the saturation point, resulting in the cataclysmic struggle in Europe which ended on May 8th with the defeat of Hitler and his cohorts.

Does Freemasonry offer any solution to our problem? Surely an organization so strongly entrenched in the Democracies as we are, should be able to make its presence felt. However true that may be, it would seem to me that it is only through individual effort that we can hope to make any progress. No Government, be it National, Provincial or Municipal, can hope to solve our problems; each individual within his own field must carry into his immediate day's work a changed attitude towards all his functions and obligations. Each individual must discover himself and silently assume his own burden.

We admit that Freemasonry presents to its votaries a way of life, a philosophy based on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and in which love, freedom, justice and truth prevail, where material values have no place. If we could but put into practice these lessons, realizing that in our human relations spiritual values serve to the attainment of that pursuit of happiness which is our heritage. Having made this discovery, the material will naturally fall into its proper perspective, and what we have been striving for will be accomplished.

*What kind of world will we then make?
Full of ideals for which they died?
Or will we grow stiff-necked again
In hatred, greed and haughty pride?*

*Will trade and conquest be our God?
Will we still seek the highest seat?
Then surely war will scourge once more,
And make destruction all complete.*

*Shall we not bravely see that they--
Our flesh and blood--strove not in vain?
And build a world on right, not might,
When bells of Peace ring out again?*

DISPENSATIONS

The Report of the Grand Secretary will furnish details of the Dispensations issued. I would like to point out that many Worshipful Masters appear to be under the impression that the Grand Master exists for the purpose of violating the Constitution so that their particular object may be attained. Admission into Freemasonry should be considered a privilege, therefore, it should not be considered desirable that steps should be taken to hurry their passage through the Ritual in violation of the statutory time. Nor should Worshipful Masters be so keen on the fulfilment of a schedule that the Grand Master be asked to waive the regulations as to time between the degrees. Only in extreme cases should a lodge ask for a Dispensation, and the reason should be good and sufficient. I have found lodges take exception because I did not accede to their demands, and blame Grand Lodge for endeavouring to impede their progress. I know if this matter is drawn to the attention of our Worshipful Masters, they will be more considerate of their demands upon their Grand Master.

Under date of September 6th, 1944, a petition was received from the brethren of the Empress district, praying for a Dispensation to establish a lodge at that point. Full and complete enquiry was made of the possibility of maintaining a lodge, and the material available, and as a result I granted a Dispensation, and instructed R. W. Bro. Wm. C. Agar, D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, to proceed to Empress and institute the lodge. Under date of October 19th, 1944, R. W. Bro. Agar completed this mission, and you will, at this Communication, receive a report from the Committee on Charters and New Lodges regarding the granting of a charter to Empress Lodge. It should be pointed out that Empress is on the Saskatchewan border, and the nearest lodge under the Saskatchewan Registry is some twenty miles distant. It will, therefore, be observed that there is a possibility of encroaching upon their territory, but in order to obviate any difficulty

between the two Grand Bodies, an Amendment to our Constitution is being submitted at this Communication, which will have the purpose of granting reciprocity under such circumstances, and I strongly urge the passing of this amendment.

My warmest thanks are extended to R. W. Bro. Wm. Agar, for the very excellent manner in which he instituted this new lodge and looked after its well-being while under Dispensation.

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

A complete report on the activities of this Committee will be placed before you. It is quite true that I have not been able to do as much as I would have liked, but being bound by Government regulations, it is impossible to do very much in a material way at the present time.

An application was made to me to donate the cost of fluorescent lighting in an addition being made to a hospital in one of our cities. The Medical advisors in the physical therapy department for the treatment of returned soldiers were of opinion that this type of lighting was best suited to their work, but the Government had no provision therefor in its estimates. The matter was placed before the Finance Committee, who submitted it to the Committee on Rehabilitation, and as their report was adverse, the matter was allowed to drop.

I am fully convinced that our lodges are seized with the necessity of giving all the spiritual assistance they can towards bringing our men of the Armed Services back to a normal way of life, and entering into the fellowship of the lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On examining the list of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, it was found that a number were removed from the Province or severed their connection through non-attendance. I therefore deemed it expedient to replace these brethren, and the list of nominations made by me will be found in the Report of the Grand Secretary. Such recommendations as were made to me from other Grand Lodges were approved, and the necessary Commissions sent forward.

APPOINTMENTS

On the resignation of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell from the Committee of the Work, I was pleased to appoint V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, as representing York Rite Masonry. V. W. Bro. Whitfield is an outstanding ritualist, well-known throughout the province for his work in this field, and I am sure he will make an excellent contribution to this Committee.

DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, May 13th.—Having addressed a letter to the brethren of the Calgary lodges inviting them to join with me in a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to the Great Architect for the wonderful blessings bestowed on us, and for the victory granted to the Allied

Forces in Europe and the consequent peace, a service was held in Grace Presbyterian Church, of which Bro. Dr. Frank Morley is the pastor, at the morning hour of worship, and I was highly gratified with the very large turnout of the brethren, some seven hundred. Bro. Morley preached an eloquent sermon, which was favourably commented upon, and the singing of the choir was delightfully pleasant and appropriate to the occasion. The lessons were read by your Grand Master.

Sunday, May 20th.—The brethren of Edmonton attended Divine Service at Knox United Church under the direction of our Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, and I was very pleased to learn that they too had a very excellent turnout of the brethren, and enjoyed a pleasant hour of worship. At this service, R. W. Bro. Ottewell read the lessons.

I am of the opinion that attendance at Divine Service, in a body as Freemasons, is very desirable, and can easily be attained without an ostentatious display. In the case of the Calgary service, the brethren met in one of the halls, and entered the church clothed as Freemasons. I have had many favourable comments on this matter of Divine Service, and I recommend it to my successors.

APPRECIATION

In the interval between the closing down of one Grand Lodge Communication and the opening of the following Communication, your Grand Body operates a business of no mean proportions which calls for skill and endeavour, and while the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary are primarily responsible, nevertheless, for the smooth working of our machinery we must of necessity rely upon competent brethren to direct affairs. To R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and his Finance Committee we owe a deep debt of gratitude; he is the watchdog of our Treasury, and is ever on the alert to protect our interests. His close connection with the Committee of the Bond-holders of the Alberta Provincial Government has kept us fully informed of the situation, and as a result of the recent refunding programme, your Grand Lodge will benefit materially. I would like to take this opportunity of publicly expressing my thanks to R. W. Bro. Cumming.

Of all the Committees of our Grand Lodge, none affords greater satisfaction to its members than that of the Board of Benevolence. It is constantly on the job—whenever a call comes into Grand Lodge office, it is immediately turned over to R. W. Bro. Frank Truesdale, the President, who proceeds to work without delay. While the calls on this Board have not been so heavy of late, nevertheless, it is doing a noble work, and I want to congratulate R. W. Bro. Frank Truesdale and the Board of Benevolence for their accomplishments during the past year.

Any Grand Master who would seek to carry out his duties without the assistance of a Grand Secretary, would soon find himself in the slough of despond. My long connection with the Grand Lodge office makes me competent to speak of it, and when I say this office has never been so efficiently operated as it is today, I do not think I am in the least exaggerating. In M. W. Bro. George Moore, we have a painstaking, enthusiastic and thoroughly competent Grand Secretary, and I

cannot speak too highly of his capabilities in his high office. To him I can only extend my warmest thanks for the many, many favours extended to me, and his kindly counsel in my year of office. He has contributed much towards making my year a success, and I shall long remember his congenial company on our trips around the country, even when stuck in the mud.

To all my Grand Lodge officers I owe a debt of gratitude; to R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, on whom I never called in vain, and for his ready response and kindly counsel. I also particularly want to thank R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, our Junior Grand Warden—he has always been quick to act when called upon; his attendance with me at many District Meetings and the talks he gave to the brethren were much appreciated. There are many others I would like to name who have stood by me during the past year, and to them I again say “Thanks”.

CONCLUSION

Tomorrow I shall turn the sceptre of power over to my successor; to me it has been a wonderful year. It is true that we never accomplish as much as we would like, for that would be like the fulfilment of a dream, but I think I can say that Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta stands very high today, and is making a contribution to the life of its votaries worthy of the high ideals it sets before them.

Throughout my year I have stressed the desirability of making Masons, men who are imbued with its great principles and teachings and who are prepared to carry forward the great work of Freemasonry so that the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God may become a reality.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I thank you most sincerely for the opportunity of serving you during the past year. I count it the greatest honour and privilege to have held the highest office in your gift, and to have been able to make some small contribution to our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Grand Master, is written across the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. W. House (36): “That the Grand Master’s Address as presented be received, and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master’s Address.”

Service of Thanksgiving

At the Opening of the Annual Communication

*The call to service by the Most Worshipful,
The Grand Master*

MY BRETHREN:

As we emerge from the darkness of the destruction wrought by war, into the brightness of the promise of peace and tranquility, more than ever should we recognise our complete dependence upon the Almighty Architect, and as Freemasons offer our thankfulness and praise for bringing us, our nation and our Empire through the valley of the shadow of death, petitioning Him that henceforth wars shall cease throughout the world and mankind live in the perpetual sunshine of harmony and brotherly love. I will ask the Rt. Wor. Grand Chaplain to lead us in a short devotional service.

G.C. *Brethren, let us sing the first Ode.*

(Tune: Crown Him with many crowns)

Peace in our time, O Lord,
To all the nations peace!
Peace surely based upon Thy will,
And built in righteousness.
Thy power alone can break
The fetters that enchain
The sorely-stricken soul of life,
And make it live again.

O shall we never learn
The truth all time has taught,
That without God as Architect
Our building comes to naught?
Lord help us, and inspire
Our hearts and lives, that we
May build with all Thy wondrous gifts
A Kingdom meet for Thee.

Peace in our time, O Lord,
To all the peoples, Peace!
Peace that shall crown a glad new world
With Thy high sovereignties.
O gracious God who still
Dost all our burdens share,
Come now and reign within the hearts
Of all men everywhere.

So mote it be.

G.C. *Be seated Brethren: let us bow our heads in prayer.*

Great Architect Divine, Thou hast done many wondrous things, and in Thy thoughts, there is none like to Thee. We lift up our hearts this day in thankfulness, acknowledging Thy mercy and Power, which alone hast granted us this Victory.

Evils without number encompassed us about; iniquities overtook us and

we seemed utterly forsaken; but Thy compassion was not far from us; Thy mercy and goodness have brought us out of great tribulation.

Out of the depths have we cried unto Thee and Thou Lord hast heard us. Our enemies that afflicted us, themselves are weakened and fallen; they are utterly destroyed.

And upon a Rock hast Thou exalted us; Thou hast raised our head above our enemies. To us is given to see the good things of Thy Bountiful Providence in the land of the living.

We give glory to Thee, O God; we bless Thy Holy Name for Thou hast been our Helper and Protector and hast preserved us from destruction. Thou Lord hast done great things for us, whereof we rejoice. Thou hast filled our mouth with gladness and our tongue with joy.

We yield Thee humble thanks O Lord, for the great Leaders of the Allied Nations. For the faithfulness and example of our King and Queen whom we pray Thou wouldst preserve long to reign over us, while humbly following after Thee.

For the prescience, fortitude and fidelity of Winston Churchill. Grant us the privilege and encouragement of his great gifts until Peace shall be securely fixed in all our lands and in our homes.

For the superlative endeavours of our Russian Allies under Josef Stalin, whom we pray may be numbered among those who serve Thee below and finally dwell with Thee above.

For the unceasing labours, even unto death, of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Blessed in Thy sight is the death of Thy Saints. Reward him O Father for his inspiration, his courage and endurance. Grant him Eternal Rest, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

And for all other, Thy servants, our Leaders; our gallant men and faithful women, who counting not the cost were ready to die that we may live. Reward them O Lord for their noble deeds, their willing sacrifices, and banish wars, with all their tears and blood, back to their native hell.

We remember before Thee Our Father, all our Brethren, who by their sacrifice made victory possible. Receive them into Thy Everlasting Habitations; comforting those who mourn for them, with Thy abundant consolation, and as they fought for our protection, do Thou surround us O Lord with Thy impregnable wall and protect us continually with the arms of Thy Might.

O Almighty God, give to every Country the spirit of human brotherhood, a new concept of Thy Divine Purpose for us in this life; new loyalty in service; new happiness in labour; new endeavours for the welfare of our fellow men; a greater sense of justice in reward and a greater reliance upon Thee, that in the restoration of our liberties and the reconstruction of our lives and homes, all may reflect Thy Light and Thy Love.

In our dealings with our fellow men and with other lands, teach us O God to see every question in the light of our profession, that we may check in ourselves and in others every temper which makes for war, all ungenerous judgements, all promptings of self-assertion, all presumptuous claims; and being ever ready to recognise the needs and aspirations of other peoples, we may with patience do whatever lies in us to remove suspicions and misunderstandings.

And to Thine Eternal Faithfulness and Love we commend ourselves and all our brethren whithersoever dispersed and all who are near and dear to us. And to Thee Our Father be all glory and praise.

So mote it be.

Reading from the V.O.T.S.L. Psalm CXXIV.

If the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us.

They had swallowed us up quick: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul: the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord: who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

The Lord hath wrought: a mighty salvation for us.

We gat not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favour unto us.

The Lord hath appeared for us: the Lord hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle.

The Lord hath appeared for us: the Lord hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore, not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be given the glory.

The Lord hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord: who hath made Heaven and Earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

G.C. Brethren, let us sing the closing Ode.

(Tune: Melita)

God of our fathers, known of old,

Lord of our far-flung battle line,

Beneath whose awful hand we hold

Dominion over palm and pine:

Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,

Lest we forget, lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies;

The captains and the kings depart;

Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,

An humble and a contrite heart:

Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,

Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Far called our navies melt away,

On dune and headland sinks the fire;

Lo, all the pomp of yesterday

Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!

Judge of the nations, spare us yet,

Lest we forget, lest we forget.

If drunk with sight of power, we loose

Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe;

Such boastings as the Gentiles use,

Or lesser breeds without the law:

Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,

Lest we forget, lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust

In reeking tube and iron shard;

All valiant dust that builds on dust,

And guarding calls not Thee to guard:

For frantic boast and foolish word,

Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord.

So mote it be.

G.C. *Brethren, let us bow our heads in prayer.*

O Eternal God in whose will is our peace, we commend to Thee the needs, of all the world. Where there is hatred give love; where there is injury pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy. Grant us O God a vision of our land, fair as she might be: a land of justice, where none shall prey on others, a land of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a land of brotherhood, where success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to worth alone; a land of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on justice and brotherly love. Hear, O Lord the silent prayer of all our hearts as we dedicate and devote our lives to Thy service, that united, free and mindful of our stewardship we may through Thy grace so fulfil Thy purpose that our country may be a witness to Thee among the nations of the world, to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of all mankind. So mote it be.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It is fitting that we who have entered the Sacred Mysteries of Divine Order should pause in the midst of our deliberations to pay silent tribute to those who have laboured with us and passed on to a well earned rest. Thanks be to the Great Architect of the Universe who gave them to us and now has called them to Himself.

During the past year, one hundred and eighty-two Brethren from this Grand Jurisdiction have responded to the call. Many have bequeathed to us high qualities of heart and mind and all have left us a legacy of work well done. May Divine wisdom illuminate us and Almighty Strength support us as we carry on the Design.

Special mention can only be accorded a few of the great many deserving brethren so we have selected only those who have been rulers of the Craft. They are as follows:

R. W. Bro. Alfred A. Gough—a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 4, born in Shropshire, England, he became a prominent citizen of the Carstairs District.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Dunlop of Delia, who was born in Scotland and who was P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 14.

R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Short, a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 8. A prominent man in the Coal Mining Industry in the Crow's Nest Pass, coming originally from London, England.

W. Bro. Charles M. Jamieson, Past Master of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, who was born at Inglewood, Ontario. He was very active in Freemasonry for a number of years.

R. W. Bro. George Campbell, a member of Acadia Lodge, No. 82, Youngstown, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, and whose death was a great loss to the brethren of that District. He was ever to the front in promoting the welfare of the Craft, and will be greatly missed.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe.—R. W. Bro Sharpe was an outstanding Alberta Freemason. He was a member of Calgary Lodge, No. 23, and filled the office of Chaplain for 22 consecutive years. He was a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, and was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 16 years.

R. W. Bro. John Duff, a member of Mountain View Lodge, No. 16, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 4. He was most active in Masonic Affairs and made the coaching of new members his special care.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. HOUSE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. W. House (36), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58): "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected Lodges and Grand Lodges."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:10 p.m.

First Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:15 p.m.

Grand Master:

"There is an announcement I should have made this morning. You observed I intimated that Bro. Tom J. Davis, of Butte, Montana, was to be the principal Speaker at our Banquet this evening. I received a wire advising that he had been appointed legal advisor to the U.S. Delegation at San Francisco, and it would embarrass him somewhat to come here, so I released him from his duties. I have good news for you, however, R. W. Bro. Tate will take his place, and I know you will receive a very good address from him this evening.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The M. W. the Grand Master enquired if there were any Nominations for the office of Grand Master. It was reported there was one Nomination—R. W. Bro. Geo. Crane-Williams. The Grand Master then declared R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams properly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

REPORTS **of District Deputy Grand Masters**

The Grand Master advised it was not his intention to call on them at the present time. All of the Reports would be published in the Proceedings, and the Brethren would enjoy them more, reading them when the Proceedings are issued.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, April 14th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I respectfully submit my report as your District Deputy for the Masonic year now drawing to its close, and in doing so desire to express

my appreciation of the privilege accorded to me by the brethren of District No. 1.

Despite the heavy demands of another year of war conditions, with their attendant strain and anxiety evident upon the membership, the Lodges of this District have continued to put forth efforts which will ensure continued success of the Craft.

Lodges have been particularly active in maintaining a cordial welcome to all members of the "Forces" and by means of parcels and letters have endeavored to afford to members, also sons and daughters, serving overseas and away from home, a constant evidence of continued interest in their welfare. The efforts made in this regard are particularly outstanding.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, has lent active support through its membership to plans for a presentation to all returned men and women of their district—in token of the community's appreciation of their services to Our Country in this war. Active plans are also under way throughout District No. 1, to enable the Lodges to fully share in extending all possible aid to members and others who may shortly be returning from war services.

The District Meeting held at Calgary on November 4th, 1944, gave evidence of the active participation of Lodges in Masonic affairs of the District, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. John House, Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, Junior Grand Warden, for their able and generous contribution in addressing the brethren on that occasion—also to yourself and accompanying Grand Lodge Officers whose efforts added to the success of the meeting.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the officers and members of Concord Lodge No. 124, on the occasion of their fraternal visit to Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, on March 24th, 1945, when these Lodges joined in an excellent and well attended meeting. The visiting lodge (Concord) conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on four members of Lethbridge Lodge.

My observation would lead me to believe that lodges in District No. 1 are all making good efforts to carry out ritualistic work and conferring of degrees in a dignified and impressive manner, and to promote a spirit of goodfellowship amongst the members.

The attached report shows a net increase in membership in the District of 93, with a marked decrease in suspensions, and an increased average attendance at Lodge meetings, and supports the view that interest of the membership is being well maintained. Due to the varying methods employed by lodges in the listing of assets in the annual financial returns, there is a lack of uniformity encountered in summarizing this feature of lodge activities.

Particular pleasure has been afforded to me on my visits to lodges in the districts due to the friendly reception accorded to W. Bro. Lawrence and myself, and the many evidences of support and co-operation on the part of the members.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those many brethren, who throughout the year have so generously given me their assistance and support,

and to express my sincere appreciation to W. Bro. Reg. Lawrence, who has afforded me able assistance as district secretary during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX ARCHIBALD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Manyberries, May 9th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2 during the year 1944-1945.

During the months of December and January official visits to all the lodges in the District were made. In addition several unofficial visits were made to some of the lodges, and it is a matter of regret that it was not possible to make more such visits. On each and every occasion I was accorded a most cordial and hearty reception. The dates of my official visits were as follows:

Dec. 5, 1944—Quarry Lodge, No. 70, Redcliff.
Dec. 12, 1944—Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, Medicine Hat.
Dec. 14, 1944—Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, Grassy Lake.
Dec. 15, 1944—Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, Manyberries.
Dec. 19, 1944—Brooks Lodge, No. 73, Brooks.
Jan. 16, 1945—Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, Medicine Hat.
Jan. 17, 1945—Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, Bow Island.
Jan. 18, 1945—Bassano Lodge, No. 55, Bassano.

As the attached statistical report indicates, there has been a substantial revival of interest in Masonry in District No. 2 during the year 1944. The net increase in membership during the year was 40, a figure that represents approximately 10 per cent of the resident membership. Degrees conferred during the year included 48 Entered Apprentice, 45 Fellowcraft and 37 Master Mason. Of considerable significance is the fact that 41 per cent of the members of the Lodges in District No. 2 are non-resident. This has meant an increased burden on the resident members, but the situation will show a definite improvement with the return of a large number of Brethren who are now on Active Service.

An examination of the records indicates that all lodges in the district are in a satisfactory financial condition, many of them having a most substantial reserve in the form of Victory Bonds. During the year 1944 there has been a reduction in the number of members who are in arrears, with 75 members owing a total of \$620.50 in unpaid dues. This figure represents slightly over 10 per cent of the total membership in the District.

During the year a total of \$664.62 was spent by the lodges of District No. 2 for relief exclusive of fees paid to Grand Lodge, and

exclusive of sizable contributions to the Masonic War Relief Fund.

Interest in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* varies in different lodges. Two lodges in the district supply all members with copies of the *Bulletin*, while one lodge sends each non-resident member a copy and another sends one to each resident member.

Worthy of special mention are the Historical Registers that are maintained by several of the lodges in the district. In at least three cases these Registers are truly a work of art, reflecting great credit on those responsible for compiling them. The value of Registers such as these will become more apparent as the years go by.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of Masonic District No. 2 was held in the Masonic Hall at Medicine Hat on October 18th, 1944, on which occasion M. W. Sir, we had the pleasure of your attendance together with that of M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore. At a representative afternoon meeting at which members of all lodges in the district were present, reports were presented from each lodge and from the Past District Deputy Grand Master. The Open Forum brought forth much useful and instructive discussion.

The evening session which was unusually well attended, commenced with a banquet. After a short toast list the lodge was formally opened by Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 and the officers of this lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a manner that was a real inspiration to the members of the visiting lodges. This was followed by your instructive and thought-provoking message, M. W. Sir, which was enjoyed by all.

W. Bro. A. J. Learmouth, of Quarry Lodge, No. 70, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1945-1946, and it was decided that the 1945 District Meeting would again be held in Medicine Hat.

I had the high honor of acting as Installing Master at a Joint Installation Meeting in Medicine Hat on December 27th. At this meeting the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Mizpah Lodge No. 35, and Quarry Lodge No. 70 were installed. It was also a pleasure and a privilege to preside at the St. John's Banquet which was followed by a most enjoyable program in the evening. Early in the New Year it was again my privilege to install the officers of Bassano Lodge No. 55 at a special Installation Meeting. On both these occasions it was a pleasure to be assisted by Past Grand Officers and Past Masters.

In conclusion may I express my heartfelt appreciation of the courtesies extended to me by the Brethren in District No. 2. The good fellowship, hospitality and kindness extended to me have made an impression that will be with me for the rest of my days. To the brethren who accompanied me on my visits, my sincere thanks. Your advice and experience were of invaluable guidance to me.

My appreciation of valued services promptly and generously rendered is extended to Bro. W. A. Noble, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, who again capably acted as District Secretary.

Yours fraternally,

H. J. HARGRAVE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Jasper, May 1st, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor and privilege of submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3 for the past year.

I was able to make an official visit to each lodge in the district on the following dates:

Edmonton Lodge, No. 7--October 24th, 1944.

Edson Lodge, No. 68--November 2nd, 1944.

Commercial Lodge, No. 81--November 4th, 1944.

Unity Lodge, No. 51--November 7th, 1944.

Meridian Lodge, No. 129--November 8th, 1944.

Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15--November 16th, 1944.

Star of the West Lodge, No. 34--November 17th, 1944.

Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143--December 14th, 1944.

All lodges were found to be in splendid condition both fraternally and financially and all offices filled by competent and skilled brethren.

I was particularly impressed by the fact that each lodge is very fortunate in having a faithful and experienced Secretary and as a result all Lodge Books and Records are kept in excellent condition.

My reception was most cordial on every occasion and the spirit of Brotherhood demonstrated to the full.

A large number of brethren are resident in the Coal Branch area, south-west of Edson, with no lodge nearer than this latter town and on discussing this matter with the Edson brethren they felt little could be done until the motor road is completed which is promised for the not too distant future, when more definite action could and would be taken.

The District Meeting was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Wednesday, October 25th, with sessions from 3 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were in attendance and gave valuable and informative addresses.

Every lodge in the district was well represented with a good number of the brethren present.

R. W. Bro. J. Booth acted as District Secretary and as usual did a splendid job.

A permanent District Secretary is badly needed for District No. 3 and it would be appreciated if a brother resident in Edmonton would come forward and undertake this Masonic duty.

I feel it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served the District in this capacity and wish my successor in office a pleasant and profitable year.

Fraternally and sincerely,

J. B. SNAPE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hespero, April 25th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is with pleasure I submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy for District No. 4.

District No. 4 consists of eleven lodges, eight of them practising the York Rite and three the Canadian Rite. Having been raised in the Canadian Rite I found my visits to so many York Lodges very interesting and instructive.

I was able to visit each lodge in the district once officially during 1944 and several unofficially since. I found our district in excellent shape Masonically. Our membership was increased by 52 brethren and every lodge had degree work during the year. All the candidates I was privileged to see appeared to be good Masonic material and younger men seemed to predominate. I was pleased to see so many farmer candidates. I find that these brothers make excellent Masons and their attendance is very regular, not having so many competing interests as the brother from the town. Nearly all the lodges have already many applications for the present year.

I regret having to report the loss sustained by Carstairs, No. 20, in the passing of their secretary, R. W. Bro. Gough, a Past District Deputy of this District.

The Annual District Meeting was held in Red Deer on Wednesday, September 27th, every lodge in the district being represented. The attendance was almost a record on account of the good roads and the presence of so many Grand Lodge officers. Our meeting was called for 4 p.m. to allow the outlying towns to take advantage of their early closing to attend. I found that this hardly gave us time to cover all the business that had to be done, especially at the banquet table in the Buffalo Hotel when owing to late comers being attended to, several of the toasts had to be passed.

The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Staples, of Kenilworth, No. 29, and M. W. Bro. Botterill introduced the Grand Lodge officers. M. W. Bro. Ireland, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary, Past Grand Masters Ellis and Galbraith, and R. W. Bros. Davis and Patterson.

The evening session was opened at 8:20 p.m. The first degree was conferred on Mr. Walter Neilson by Red Deer No. 12, W. Bro. J. Martin presiding in a very able manner. M. W. Bro. Ellis commented on the work and I am sure that all the brethren present benefited from his remarks. M. W. Bro. Botterill, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, presented certificates to M. W. Bro. Ireland as Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. Moore as Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The Grand Master presented V. W. Bro. G. T. Jackson, of Lacombe, No. 10, with his Regalia as

a Grand Steward. V. W. Bro. E. Finkle was elected District Deputy for the ensuing term and Ponoka was chosen as the place of the District Meeting. Our business being finished we were able to relax and appreciate your very fine address, M. W. Sir, on "The Spirit of Masonry and the vital force it could be in the coming post war period". M. W. Bro. Moore gave us one of his usual very interesting talks and the meeting was closed in harmony at 11:30 p.m. R. W. Bro. Jackson acted, as he has done for many years, as our District Secretary. Bro. Jackson has been my constant companion and adviser throughout my term of office. I doubt very much if I could have carried on without his advice and support.

On November 16th Innisfail No. 8 celebrated their Golden Jubilee at which they were honored by the presence of many Grand Lodge officers. This was the first Golden Jubilee to be celebrated in District No. 4 and Innisfail received congratulations from many lodges and many distinguished brethren, including W. Bro. Little, Past Master of Bow River Lodge, who had the pleasure of recommending No. 8 for its charter. We were regaled with a sumptuous banquet and R. W. Bro. Jackson gave us a short history of Innisfail No. 8 from its inception in 1890 in a lowly shack to its present status and fine Masonic Temple. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on Mr. J. N. Donaldson by the W.M., Bro. F. W. Churchill. R. W. Bro. Donaldson, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, the father of the candidate, was present and expressed his appreciation of his boy being initiated into the Craft.

The evening was brought to a close with short addresses from M. W. Bros. W. Ireland, George Moore, W. J. Botterill, and F. P. Galbraith, R. W. Bros. R. G. Thompson, A. J. Davis, and D. Patterson, and V. W. Bro. G. T. Jackson, our very efficient Grand Steward.

On April 12th I had the pleasure of meeting yourself, M. W. Sir, and other Grand Lodge officers on the invitation of Carstairs Lodge, No. 20. There was a splendid turnout upwards of 70 of the brethren being present including M. W. Bros. Ellis, Moore and Galbraith, R. W. Bros. Dave Patterson and A. J. Davis, and many other Grand Lodge officers.

The visitors were welcomed by the sitting Master, W. Bro. Geo. Rettie, and the Grand Master raised the Lodge for three minutes' silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President of the United States of America, of whose sudden passing we had only heard that day.

Carstairs Lodge conferred the first degree in a very able manner and several of the brethren were congratulated by the Grand Master for their part in the ceremony. M. W. Bro. Ireland gave a very interesting talk on the work of Masons outside their lodges, and also a timely warning on the necessity of investigating committees being thorough in their reports individually and not accepting the word of the other fellow. At the banquet table many brethren congratulated Carstairs on the progress of their lodge and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close early next morning. I personally, arrived home at 4:45 a.m.

The following are the dates on which I paid my official visits. I was received in Form by all the lodges I visited, and every lodge

extended itself to make my visit a pleasure and to entertain R. W. Bro. Jackson and myself.

August 17th.—Innisfail, No. 8, Innisfail.
 September 4th.—Mountain View, No. 16, Olds.
 September 5th.—Kitchener, No. 95, Rimbey.
 September 7th.—Kenilworth, No. 29, Red Deer.
 September 12th.—Bowden, No. 42, Bowden.
 September 14th.—Carstairs, No. 20, Carstairs.
 October 4th.—Eureka, No. 10, Lacombe.
 October 5th.—Britannia, No. 18, Ponoka.
 October 10th.—King Hiram, No. 21, Didsbury.
 October 12th.—Lochearn, No. 151, Rocky Mountain House.
 November 14th.—Red Deer, No. 12, Red Deer.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, may I say, for the comfort of future District Deputies, that I entered on my term of office with very grave doubts as to my ability to fill it. I found that all the brethren were willing to take me as I was and to help me with kind words and deeds. Especially Grand Lodge, of which I stood in considerable awe. I found that they were very human and there was not a thing I wished to know that I did not immediately receive their help on. I am also very much indebted to W. Bro. McMullen, Master of Lochearn, No. 151, who drove me on several of my longest trips and upheld the record of the R.C.M.P. for getting their man there and bringing him back.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. MACDONNELL,
 D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Forestburg, May 5th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
 Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, the following report of the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District during my term of office as your representative in the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Forestburg on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1944, the meeting being opened by the officers of Forestburg Lodge, No. 128. The District Deputy Grand Master having been announced was received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East where he assumed the gavel, thanking the brethren for their cordial reception, visiting brethren from other districts and jurisdictions were received and welcomed.

The meeting was favored by the attendance of M. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary,

who were received with Grand Honors, and being welcomed by the D.D.G.M., were escorted to the East, where, assuming the gavel, the Grand Master in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for their cordial reception and commented on the attendance in view of the inclement weather and the almost impassable condition of the roads. Returning the gavel to the D.D.G.M., the Grand Master requested him to carry on with the meeting.

Representatives of lodges present gave reports on the condition of Masonry in their respective lodges, showing Masonry to be in a healthy state throughout the district. During an Open Forum the M. W. the Grand Secretary, in his usual able manner, gave a full explanation of changes in constitution, the manner of getting lodge property incorporated under Friendly Societies Act, called attention to acceptance by lodges of unsigned Demits, spoke on Masonic Research and Education, and reviewed various opinions regarding letter to candidates. He warned brethren in possession of Rituals to keep them properly to prevent falling into hands of outsiders, and spoke on many other questions relative to subordinate lodges. This part of the program proved very interesting and educational to the meeting as a whole.

During an intermission, dinner was served by the ladies of Forestburg Chapter No. 54 O.E.S., followed by a short program of speeches, the brethren returning to the Lodge Room for evening session.

At the request of the Grand Master the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the officers of Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, on two applicants for initiation to Forestburg Lodge. The Grand Master made some remarks on the conferring of degrees, gave some kind criticisms on the work, and congratulated the officers on the quality of their work.

W. Bro. W. B. Wright, of Comet Lodge, No. 50, Hardisty, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year subject to the approval of the incoming Grand Master, the place of meeting chosen for the District Meeting for the year 1945 being Hardisty.

The conclusion of the District Meeting was the instructive and inspiring address of the Grand Master in which he dealt with many matters of importance to the Craft as a whole, stressing the need in the Fraternity of Masons not merely members, tracing Freemasonry from the year 1717 under speculative Masonry to the present time, the bonding together of the upper and middle classes based on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, as against the political influence of the Church. His discourse was listened to with marked interest by the brethren. The meeting was closed by the officers of Forestburg Lodge, No. 128.

The number of brethren present in view of the almost impassable condition of the roads, and the keen interest displayed in the proceedings, and in all matters under discussion, were ample proof of the vital force of the order throughout the district, and an inspiration to carry on the successful work of the past. It was most gratifying to me that such a successful District Meeting should be held during my term of office, particularly under such unfavorable road conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all brethren who so ably assisted on my behalf in arrangements for

the success of the meeting, and particularly to R. W. Bro. Farvolden for his untiring efforts and able assistance in the capacity of District Secretary.

Acting on your instructions, M. W. Sir, to visit all lodges in my district by the end of the calendar year, though handicapped by not possessing a car, depending chiefly on train and bus to cover my district, I did, with one exception visit all lodges within that time. I was most cordially received in every lodge, and found a splendid Masonic spirit among the brethren. While some lodges in the district are handicapped by a small resident membership, this is largely overcome by the enthusiasm and attendance of those members who in many lodges are made up of brethren residing in the country and who have during the year many adverse conditions of weather and roads to contend with. The war situation of the past five years has been a factor in impeding the progress of country lodges in particular, together with removals to larger centers in connection with war industries. However, as a whole, I find Masonry in a flourishing condition throughout the district.

In all lodges throughout the district, with two exceptions, work has been done throughout the year in the several degrees, this chiefly from applicants of middle age rather than the younger class. Expectations are high in most lodges regarding the possible increase of membership when hostilities cease and the younger men return to civilian life once more. I urged the brethren to carry on in maintaining our worth while institution until such time, this being one of the jobs for us on the home front. I also brought to the attention of all lodges the program which you, M. W. Sir, had embarked upon, the Post-War Rehabilitation Program. All lodges and brethren were very enthusiastic in this connection and I can, I think, promise you very good results in this regard.

All lodges in the district are financially sound, and I am pleased to report that the increase in membership in the district is very gratifying, considering the progress of the past few years. According to the statistical report herewith enclosed, the increased shows approximately 10 per cent, and according to information gleaned from the different lodges throughout the district this increase, or larger, can be looked for during the coming year.

Following are the dates of my official visits:

Alliance Lodge, No. 135 - October 4th, 1944.
Camrose Lodge, No. 37 - October 12th, 1944.
Forestburg Lodge, No. 128 - October 25th, 1944.
Tuscan Lodge, No. 43 - November 1st, 1944.
Efficiency Lodge, No. 141 - November 6th, 1944.
Comet Lodge, No. 50 - November 9th, 1944.
Harmony Lodge, No. 75 - November 13th, 1944.
Provost Lodge, No. 61 - November 15th, 1944.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 79 - November 16th, 1944.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 80 - December 7th, 1944.
Melrose Lodge, No. 62 - January, 18th, 1945.

I also paid a second visit to Camrose Lodge, No. 37, and Comet Lodge, No. 50, and had I had the opportunity would have delighted to visit all lodges again, for the finest of comradeship and greatest enthusiasm prevails throughout each lodge.

I found throughout the district a very high quality of proficiency both in conducting business and conferring of degrees. The material being received in the lodges of the district speaks well for the continuance of that desired quality. In the matter of arrears of dues, considering the membership and the number of lodges in the district, the amount is not large, and from information gathered rests chiefly with non-resident members.

Liabilities throughout the district are negligible, four lodges having none, the greater portion being composed of dues and fees received in advance. One lodge, Forestburg, still has an amount of \$350.00 owing on hall; this item will be paid off during the present year.

The attendance per resident membership of the different lodges could be considered good, an average attendance throughout the year being 60 per cent.

In closing, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 5 for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of District Deputy, and I trust my work with them throughout the year of my office has met with their approval. Wherever I have gone I have been received with every courtesy and kindness, and I am deeply grateful to all lodges in the district for the consideration extended to me at all times. It has been a pleasure to serve as your D.D.G.M., and I know the knowledge gained will be beneficial to me throughout my Masonic career. I would bespeak for my successor in office, W. Bro. Wright, the help, courtesy and consideration afforded me on all occasions, and hope, with the possible cessation of hostilities, the future of Masonry throughout the world will be brightened.

To you, M. W. Sir, I wish to say that it has been a pleasure to serve as your District Deputy, and wish to thank you for that privilege; also for kindness and assistance in matters pertaining to that office.

To our genial Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Moore, for the many pleasantries and ever ready advice I would say, thanks, George.

I trust, M. W. Sir, that my year of office has in some measure met with your approval.

I beg to remain Sir,

Faternally yours,

WM. SMITH, Jr.,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Okotoks, May 9th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In submitting for your consideration my report of my year's service as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6, I do so

in a spirit of real thankfulness for the experience gained and genuine satisfaction at the general condition of Masonry I found prevailing in the district.

I followed out your advice in your letter of instructions, with reference to making official visits as early as possible, and made my initial visit to my own lodge at its regular meeting night on Tuesday, September 5th; Cairo No. 32, Claresholm, on September 19th; Stavely, on October 3rd; Nanton, October 12th; Cornerstone, October 19th, and Joppa, November 9th.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the brethren of Corinthian, who so generously volunteered to furnish transportation. We were favored with good weather. I made only the one visit as, being dependent on the brethren for transportation, I did not feel justified under the prevailing travel conditions in asking further favors of the Corinthian brethren.

However, the very cordial reception given at every one of these meetings was, I felt, a tribute of loyalty and respect felt by the brethren for the office I was filling, as your representative, and I personally, derived great pleasure from the warmth of their greetings and the practical experience of the Masonic fellowship so accorded.

I can report, with confidence, that I found in every lodge the spirit of Masonic fellowship active and aggressive.

The statistical report shows an increase in membership in every lodge except Joppa, where despite the fact that they had just received three fine young members, who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons on the occasion of my visit, they had the misfortune to lose the same number of members by death. I felt, however, that under W. Bro. Blair, Joppa Lodge is initiating a period of advancement, and the spirit of the officers and members is one of looking forward in confidence to more prosperous days ahead.

Degrees were conferred at each of my visits and the three degrees were exemplified. Closer attention to detail would improve the floor work in all, though all are not of equal proficiency. I think these weaknesses were realized as they occurred and a wish to improve was expressed, which I trust may bring good results.

I found the books and accounts accurately kept to give correct information as to the standing of the lodge, though the system of accounting varied somewhat.

I acknowledge with thanks the assistance that I received from the *Bulletin* in the preparation for my lodge visits and the articles explaining the different degrees were a great help. I tried to impress also on the membership the importance of the service that Masonry will be called upon to render in the period of reconstruction we are now facing. The practise of the principles of Freemasonry and the obligation these principles impose on every Mason in his relation to not only the brethren of the Craft but to all mankind, will play an important part in adjusting the differences that now are to be ironed out. A full realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man was never needed more.

Our District Meeting was held at Okotoks on Friday, November 3rd, 1944, with a very full attendance and was, I think you will agree,

highly successful. The presence of yourself, M. W. Sir, and our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Moore, contributed in no small measure to the general interest.

W. Bro. R. N. Ralph, of Stavely, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for 1945-6 and Stavely was selected as place of next District Meeting.

Briefly, to conclude, the condition of Masonry in District No. 6 is good, not only statistically, but I found a strong optimistic spirit pervading every lodge, with material evidence of progress to warrant the feeling.

As mentioned before, I was everywhere very cordially received and I left every meeting benefitted personally, and thoroughly convinced that Masonry is a very important part of life, and that contact with its principles, in practise, give strength and purpose in the daily round.

Fraternally yours,

WM. FISHER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Spring Coulee, May 1st, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry, in District No. 7, as your Deputy for the year 1944-5.

This year has been one of much activity. All lodges have initiated some members and many have been very much overworked. Where a few years ago, one or two candidates being initiated at one time was the usual, I have attended unofficially this year when five candidates were put through the ceremonies in perfect precision and perfect form. These activities have been such as to tend to increase the interest of the members and the added work in the degrees has produced much uniformity in the work.

Many reasons may be given for this increase in membership, but we can safely take it for granted that this is due to a general desire for closer association with an organization which has carried itself through difficult and troublesome times with dignity and respect. Our members are under constant observation, regardless of where we are—in the country, town or city—and we are judged by our actions and the respect we hold in our communities. This war has brought society on the whole to a more sober frame of mind. Men are more conscious of the fact that they have responsibilities concerning their fellow man, which in times past have been sadly neglected.

Attendance on the whole is higher in proportion to membership in the country lodges rather than the city, due of course to fewer divergent activities.

No. 7, up to December 31, 1944, had an increase of 67—affiliated 11, restored 7, demitted 10, suspended 3, died 5—net increase of 67.

Financially all lodges have some good reserves, and many have quite substantial sums. The liabilities are very small, only about 5 per cent of the whole and a share of this is made up of fees and dues paid in advance.

Two lodges own their buildings. The four Lethbridge lodges are energetically bending their efforts toward acquiring ownership of the Masonic Hall—the stock of which has always been held by individual Masons.

Verdigris Lodge at Milk River is planning on building a substantial lodge and may have accomplished this by the time this report goes into print. This lodge is supported by the three communities of Warner, Milk River and Coutts and represents a striking example of co-operation.

In visiting some of the lodges of No. 7, I have been surprised at the number of Masons of so-called foreign extraction. I find these members are taking their place in our order very seriously and it is gratifying to know in what regard the order is considered by them.

Each lodge in No. 7 displays an individual characteristic peculiar to itself, and this character seems to go along from year to year in spite of the yearly change of officers. I was especially interested at one of my visits when the Master of the lodge called for an accounting from any member who happened to be absent from the previous meeting. This sounded very much like the proceedings of the Ancient Craft Guilds. While each lodge may have its own characteristic, they are all genuinely on the same footing in the matter of good fellowship, and harmony prevails, as it should, in all matters of value to the Craft.

Relief has not made excessive demands on this part of your jurisdiction. Five lodges have spent, altogether, \$463.

The District Meeting was held October 11th, 1944, and was convened by Sharon Lodge, No. 157, at 2:45 p.m. The Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, Deputy Grand Master, were received in Due Form.

The afternoon session was devoted to regular business—reading of minutes of previous District Meeting; reports of P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Cull, who gave a very comprehensive report on his year of office. Reports were given by each lodge and progress in general was good, the Grand Master taking particular interest in the activities of each lodge. All lodges were well represented but Doric and Sharon, who find October one of the busiest months of the year.

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. and the banquet for all members began at 6:00 p.m., and was followed by the toast to the King and Craft; also to the Armed Forces. The gathering was then addressed by R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, who reminded the brothers of their duty toward their fellowmen in the inimitable style that only the Deputy Grand Master can display.

The session then resumed at 8:00 p.m., commencing with the presentation of the flag, the roll call of members, and sons and daughters of members in the Armed Forces, and a tribute so ably given by V. W. Bro. J. S. Stewart.

Charity Lodge, No. 67, with W. Bro. D. Wright presiding, gave a splendid exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree. M. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis followed, with a constructive and comprehensive criticism of the initiation. Discussion then followed on the wording of the obligations.

I would suggest, M. W. Sir, that your custodians give these obligations at more of the District Meetings, as I have heard three different sets of wordings during my visits this year. While the main essentials are identical the whole should be set and standardized.

W. Bro. A. Wright was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to your approval. Lethbridge was chosen as the site for the next District Meeting.

The hour being late, the Grand Master suggested the meeting be closed and a later meeting be arranged for the following spring, at which time he would deliver an address.

This meeting was arranged for March 20th of this year and was convened by Lethbridge Lodge, No. 119, with all lodges invited. A very good turnout of Masons from many of the lodges resulted and this was the first time that to my knowledge practically two District Meetings have been held in any one year.

I cannot pass over this without very grateful thanks to the Lethbridge lodges as they assume the responsibility of these meetings.

After W. Bro. Risler and officers carried out the Entered Apprentice Degree in excellent manner, the Grand Master gave his address, dealing at some length with the problems and operations of Masonry. Needless to say this was followed with a great deal of interest. At the banquet held after lodge was closed, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, also gave an illuminating talk along his line of work.

I cannot close this report without extending my heartfelt thanks to the manner in which I was received throughout the district and for the support given by the P.D.D.G.M., the presiding Masters, and the Masons in general. Their reception and co-operation with your representative has been an inspiration throughout the entire year and it has been a great pleasure serving you in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT A. WALTERS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coleman, May 7th, 1915.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report for Masonic District No. 8, during my term of office.

The District Meeting was held in Coleman on Thursday, October 12th, 1944, the afternoon session called to order at 3:30, with officers of the several lodges of the district in the chairs. We were honored with your presence, M. W. Sir, that of the M. W. the Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis.

After the reading of the minutes of the last District Meeting by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis, reports on the respective lodges by the Worshipful Masters, and Open Forum and remarks by the Grand Secretary, the meeting was called from labor to refreshment, the brethren adjourning to the banquet hall where the ladies of Minerva Chapter No. 41, Order of the Eastern Star, provided an excellent supper at which over one hundred participated. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

Call from refreshment to labor at 8:00 in the evening, when the Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by Summit Lodge No. 30, and adjudicated by M. W. Bro. Ellis.

The election of District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year resulted in W. Bro. MacMillan of Chinook Lodge No. 47, of Cowley, being the choice.

I am sure all the brethren present listened with rapt attention to the inspiring address of the Grand Master.

I made official visits to all the lodges in the district, although, due to gasoline and rubber restrictions, this was not possible until the latter part of my term.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Visited Sentinal Lodge No. 26 on March 8th. No degree conferred. The lodge is very active, with attendance above the average, and prospects are very good. Records well kept and finances good.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, on April 3rd. No degree conferred. Lodge active, records well kept, and financial condition good, prospects good. After the fourth degree, we were entertained by Bro. Montgomery with moving pictures of California, Waterton Lakes district, and Calgary Stampede, which were highly appreciated.

Summit Lodge No. 30, on April 5th. No degree conferred. Lodge is active and prospects good. Records well kept and finances satisfactory.

Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, on April 10th. No degree conferred. Membership shows an increase and prospects are good. Records are in good shape, and financial condition satisfactory. An Open Forum has been instituted by the present Worshipful Master, which is proving interesting and instructive.

Chinook Lodge, No. 47, on April 16th. No degree conferred. attendance at this lodge depends greatly on the condition of the country roads, as a great number of the members live on the farm. On my visit, I experienced great difficulty getting there due to stormy weather and almost impassable roads. Lodge active and prospects fair. Records well kept and financial condition satisfactory.

Alberta Lodge No. 3, on April 18th. This was called C.P.R. night, when there were three third degrees conferred in the Canadian

Rite. The candidates were C.P.R. employees. Each candidate received the degree from a separate Master. I may say that the degree in each case was conferred in a dignified manner. At this communication, a number of Lethbridge and Claresholm visitors were present. It was indeed a splendid meeting. The records are well kept, and financial condition satisfactory; prospects good.

Previous to my official visits, I visited some of the lodges unofficially and witnessed some degree work, which was performed in a very satisfactory manner.

May I say that District No. 8, and Summit Lodge, No. 30, in particular, suffered a grievous loss in the passing of R. W. Bro. A. F. Short, P.D.D.G.M., in August, 1944.

To the Grand Officers, and the brethren of the several lodges who visited with me, I wish to express my appreciation for their support.

I hope that my successor in office may have an interesting and profitable year.

Now that victory in Europe is a fact, and with the defeat of the enemy in the Far East, I sincerely hope that we may have an everlasting peace, and a true brotherhood among men.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH EMMERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Alix, April 28th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:—

As your District Deputy Grand Master, I deem it an honor and privilege to submit herewith my report for your consideration, on the condition of Masonry for the year 1944-45, in the Ninth Masonic District.

I regard it as a very great honor and privilege to serve as your representative and I express my warmest thanks to the brethren of this district and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, in your approval for the high honor conferred upon me, in electing me to this high office.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Stettler, on September 20th, 1944. Representatives were in attendance from all lodges in the district with the exception of two. The busy harvest season no doubt being responsible for their being unable to be present. Attendance was very encouraging, especially at the evening session. We were pleased indeed to have with us, besides yourself, M. W. Sir, our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore,

and several Past D.D.G.M.'s in addition to many faithful members of the Craft.

The afternoon session was devoted to the usual registration, after which lodge was opened by Apollo Lodge, No. 27. The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers were received in Form and warmly welcomed. The minutes of the previous district meeting were read and approved. The report for 1943 and 1944 was submitted by R. W. Bro. D. Drinnan who so capably assumed the duties of D.D.G.M. on the passing of our esteemed and much loved brother R. W. Bro. N. W. Connolly.

Reports from the various lodges were presented and in almost every case, progress was very marked. Various questions pertaining to the welfare of the Craft were discussed resulting in much good. The election of W. Bro. Frank Swallow, of Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, to the office of D.D.G.M. for 1945 and 1946, was unanimous, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. Inspiring addresses from M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Ireland, and M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, were given, resulting in much good.

The large attendance, in spite of the busy season in rural areas, truly portrayed the splendid condition of Masonry in District No. 9.

On my several official visits an outstanding feeling of optimism prevailed. It seemed everywhere a burden was being lifted. Sons were returning from overseas, fathers were showing signs of relief from their anxieties the comforts from the sharing of brotherly love with our fellowman was noticeable everywhere.

On one of my visits it was most pleasing to hear the reading of eight applications. This is indicative of the trend of thought occupying the minds of good men and true.

The time I was able to set apart to carry out my official visits did not permit of visiting two lodges in the district. These respective lodges were not meeting, due to the road and winter conditions. In all cases I found the officers capable and carrying out their individual duties in a creditable manner. Books were found well kept by the various secretaries who are to be commended for their devotion to duty for theirs is a contribution deserving of much praise.

I suggested more serious consideration be given Historical Registers which could receive more attention.

As my term of office nears its close, I would be ungrateful if I did not express my deep gratitude to the brethren of District No. 9 in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and to you, Most Worshipful Sir, for your approval and kindly advice. It has been a privilege and pleasure to share in your thoughts and associations. To R. W. Bro. David Drinnan I offer my warmest appreciation. He assisted me as District Secretary under trying circumstances and his advice and help which was always cheerfully given, was an inspiration to me.

In closing, may I ask each and everyone to accept from me my thanks for your courteous receptions, your warm welcomes, your hospitality and your many kindnesses.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. BISSETT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Waskatenau, April 30th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District, for the term 1944-45. It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit all the lodges officially once and on several occasions I have made a second visit. First, I wish to express my hearty appreciation for the many courtesies, kindnesses, hospitality and good fellowship extended to me during my term of office.

The officers of the different lodges are very efficient, doing their work in a very capable and Maconic manner. The books and records of the different lodges are in excellent shape with the possible exception in one or two cases of the Historical Register, being not up to date. There is an increase in membership in the Tenth Masonic District, with a net increase of 46 for the period just ended.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Vegreville on August 23rd, 1944. The officers of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, with the sitting Master W. Bro. W. Purdue, in the East, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The D.D.G.M. was officially received and after proceeding to the East, opened the lodge in prescribed form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then introduced and received with Grand Honors. Upon accepting the gavel he thanked the brethren for his reception and requested the D.D.G.M. to carry on with the business.

The minutes of the 1943 District Meeting, held at Acacia Hall, South Edmonton, were then read by R. W. Bro. H. H. Hacker, who so kindly acted as District Secretary of the meeting. There being no alterations or corrections, the minutes were confirmed by the D.D.G.M. Typed copies of these minutes will be mimeographed and forwarded to all lodges in the district as well as to Grand Lodge, so that it will not be necessary to record the minutes here. The D.D.G.M. then called for verbal reports from representatives of the district lodges in attendance.

The lodges represented were as follows: Acacia, No. 11; Vermilion, No. 24; St. Johns, No. 25; Hope, No. 38; Empire, No. 63; Norwood, No. 90; Lamont, No. 94; Innisfree, No. 110; Dominion, No. 117; Kitscoty, No. 131; Waskatenau, No. 154.

R. W. Bro. J. A. McCool, P.D.D.G.M., gave a verbal report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District during his term of office as D.D.G.M.

Following the afternoon session of business the ladies of Joan of Arc Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, served a delightful dinner in the basement of the United Church, after which R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, Grand Junior Warden, addressed the brethren.

On resuming business at 8 p.m., W. Bro. Geo. Edgecombe, of Empire Lodge, No. 63, was unanimously elected as D.D.G.M. for the 1945-46 term of office, subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was decided on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland, of Empire Lodge, No. 63, to hold the next District Meeting in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton.

On behalf of the district lodges, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented Grand Lodge regalia to Past District Deputy Grand Master J. A. McCool, in a few well chosen and complimentary remarks, to which R. W. Bro. McCool made suitable reply.

The business for the evening being completed, we were favored with an address from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who touched upon the subjects of the Masonic *Bulletin*, Grand Lodge Proceedings, Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation.

Lodge was closed in harmony and prescribed form at 9:45 p.m.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Acacia, No. 11.—I made my official visit to Acacia, No. 11, on December 14th, 1944. This is the largest lodge in the Tenth Masonic District, and enjoys many special nights; and it was my pleasure and privilege to attend their Irish Night. These special nights serve to create a higher standard of fraternal fellowship not otherwise achieved.

A very impressive ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. McCool during my term of office in the presentation and dedication of the Memorial Organ. This organ was donated by W. Bro. Pfrimmer in memory of his son Lt. Louis Pfrimmer, who laid down his life in Holland for the cause of freedom and love of country.

The books and records of the lodge are in excellent shape and a very special word is due R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin, P.D.D.G.M., who has compiled one of the best Historical Registers to be found anywhere.

The degree work is exemplified with dignity and the officers are both capable and efficient. The lodge is well to do financially. I was supported by eight Grand Lodge officers, fourteen visitors, together with sixty members present. I addressed the lodge in the lodge room.

Victoria Lodge, No. 13. I made my official visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 13, on November 28th, 1944. This was one of the coldest nights during the winter and probably accounted for the small attendance. The Fellow Craft Degree was exemplified in a very capable manner. This is one of the lodges that did not have a representative at the District Meeting and I tried to impress upon them that they should endeavor to attend these meetings regularly. The books and records are in good shape with the exception of the Historical Register. The lodge is in good shape financially. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Boyd, W. Bro. Clark and Bro. Woodward, of my own lodge. I presented my remarks in the lodge room.

Vermilion Lodge, No. 24.—I had the pleasure of making my official visit to Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, on December 5th, 1944. The business of the lodge is conducted in an excellent manner and their books and records are in the hands of W. Bro. H. J. Payne, who is a very efficient and capable secretary. W. Bro. Jory and his officers conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree in a very capable manner.

The lodge hold their meetings in the Temple Building which is owned by the Masonic Holding Co. and rented to the lodge. Financially the lodge is in excellent shape. I was supported at this meeting by two Grand Lodge officers, several brethren from Kitscoty Lodge, and there were 35 members present. I addressed the lodge in the lodge room and also at Harmony.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25.—I made my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 25, on December 4th, 1944, and received a very warm welcome. This lodge has a very nice lodge room, one of the best in the district. We held our District Meeting at St. John's Lodge, it being centrally located in the Tenth Masonic District, and I would like to take this opportunity in expressing my sincere thanks to R. W. Bro. Hacker for his untiring efforts in arranging for the District Meeting and acting as District Secretary; also I wish to thank W. Bro. Purdue and his officers for the courtesies shown me during my visits to neighboring lodges as they accompanied me on each and every occasion. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers in a capable manner and speaks well for the interest taken. The finances are excellent and books and records are in the very capable hands of Bro. Beacom. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room. R. W. Bro. Harrison and a number of brethren from Lamont also attended.

Hope Lodge, No. 38.—My official visit to Hope Lodge, No. 38, was made on November 22nd, 1944. This being an emergent meeting, I had the pleasure of meeting several old friends; I also had great pleasure in investing V. W. Bro. J. Shaw with the regalia of office of Grand Steward. The finances, books and records are in excellent shape and R. W. Bro. Crooks is a very efficient secretary. The lodge is making some progress and the future looks brighter. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room.

Empire Lodge, No. 63.—At the time of making my report I had not visited Empire Lodge, No. 63, officially, owing to unforeseen circumstances; however, I have visited the lodge on one or two occasions and I am quite pleased with the manner in which the business is transacted. The officers of this lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree at the District Meeting and I might say it was enjoyed by all present. The lodge books and records are well kept and M. W. Bro. J. Martland is one of the keenest and most enthusiastic of secretaries. Numerous emergent meetings and special evenings such as Empire Night help create good fellowship. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Geo. Edgecomb, D.D.G.M.-elect for the 1945-46 term. The lodge is well-to-do financially, with small current liabilities.

Norwood Lodge, No. 90.—I made my official visit to Norwood Lodge, No. 90, on December 12th, 1944. This was a regular meeting. As there was not any degree work the matter of a new lodge building was discussed as the lodge has disposed of its old lodge hall. The lodge is in good financial shape, the books and records are well kept by W. Bro. Bradley, who is untiring in his efforts and interested in his work. I addressed the brethren in the body of the lodge. I was supported at this meeting by R. W. Bros. McCreath and Booth.

Lamont Lodge, No. 94.—I have visited Lamont Lodge, No. 94, on numerous occasions; I paid my official visit on December 11th, 1944, and was accompanied by several brethren from Waskatenau

Lodge; there were a number of brethren visiting from Edmonton also. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by W. Bro. MacPherson and his officers in a very capable and efficient manner. The lodge is in a very sound financial position. The books and records are up-to-date. The Historical Register is well written, dealing with all current events from the time the earliest settlers arrived in the district. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room, after which the gathering adjourned to the local hotel dining room, where an enjoyable and harmonious social evening was held.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110.—I made my official visit to Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, on November 20th, 1944. This is one of the smaller lodges in the district, the officers of the lodge are all capable and I believe better things are in store for Kilwinning Lodge. The Master Mason Degree was conferred by the officers in a very capable manner. The records are in good shape with the exception of the Historical Register, which is not up-to-date. I was supported at this meeting by R. W. Bros. Hacker, Crooks and Dickson and a number of brethren from St. John's No. 25 and Hope Lodge, No. 38. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room, after which a social evening was enjoyed.

Dominion Lodge, No. 117.—Dominion Lodge, No. 117, meets in the Central Masonic Temple at Edmonton and might say the lodge is very active and enjoys a very good regular attendance. The lodge holds numerous emergent meetings, also special meetings such as their Dominion Night which I had the pleasure to attend and listen to a very inspiring address by Brig.-Gen. W. W. Foster. There wasn't any degree work exemplified at my official visit on December 13th, 1944, but I am sure the officers are capable of conferring any degree in a truly Masonic manner. I was particularly impressed with the number of Past Masters in attendance. V. W. Bro. Ward is a capable and painstaking secretary and the books and records are in splendid shape. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room. I was supported at this meeting by R. W. Bro. Jas. McCool.

Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131.—I made my official visit to Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, on November 21st, 1944, accompanied by W. Bro. Jory and a number of brethren from Vermilion Lodge, No. 24. This was an emergent meeting and was well attended considering some of the brethren have considerable distances to travel. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Boyce and his officers in a very capable manner. The lodge has a net increase of eight, which speaks well for the future of Kitscoty Lodge. The books and records are well kept and the lodge is in a sound position financially. I addressed the brethren in the lodge after which we enjoyed a social get-together.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145.—My official visit to St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145, was made on August 26th, 1944. This lodge is laboring under great difficulties as a number of the brethren have joined the armed forces, others have left the district, of those that are left some are getting along in years and live some distance away from St. Paul, making it impossible to attend with any degree of regularity. The lodge held six regular meetings during the year, with an average attendance of seven. The business of the lodge was conducted in a very efficient manner; there wasn't any degree work on the occasion of my visit, the evening being spent in discussing ways and means for the future of the lodge. I addressed the brethren in the lodge room.

I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Clark and Bro. Wolf of Waskatenau Lodge.

Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154.—This being my Mother Lodge I was not particularly interested in seeing any degree work exemplified at my official visit, which I made on November 1st, 1944. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district, but we enjoy a very good attendance as we average 90 per cent of the resident members. Several members have left the district during the past year, including V. W. Bro. F. J. Henry, who was a Charter member, being our first Junior Warden, and who has been Secretary of the past thirteen years. We have had a net increase of three during the year and prospects are bright for the future. The books and records are well kept with the exception of the Historical Register which is not up-to-date. We are in a good position financially. I addressed the brethren under good and welfare.

I would not like my term of office to expire without expressing my appreciation of the work done as District Secretary by R. W. Bro. H. H. Hacker, he having acted in that capacity for R. W. Bro. Hurlburt and also being a P.D.D.G.M. His long years of experience in the Craft made him an invaluable aid in carrying out my duties. I also want to thank the brethren of District No. 10 for their confidence in electing me as their D.D.G.M. for the term 1944-45.

To Most Worshipful Bro. W. Ireland, Grand Master, I would like to say it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Deputy, and I want you to know that the many kindnesses you have shown and your guidance in many matters has been a great help and inspiration to me.

I am indeed grateful to those Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Lodge officers who accompanied me on many of my visits and particularly do I wish to express my thanks to the officers and members of my Mother Lodge, who journeyed with me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. E. JEWELL,

D.D.M.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carmangay, May 4th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is with a feeling of regret and also pleasure that I submit my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 11—regret that it brings to a close a happy and memorable year in Masonry for me, and pleasure in the fact that the experiences of the past year have benefitted me greatly.

My first duty as D.D.G.M. was to act as installing master, on invitation from Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, at Carmangay, on June

26th, 1944. I was pleased that my first duty was performed in my own lodge. The officers of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, and Cresset Lodge, No. 136, were duly installed. Lodge was closed in harmony by the officers of Cresset, after which the brethren spent a social hour at the banquet table.

It was also my pleasure on invitation from Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, to act as installing master on December 27th, after which a banquet was served and a very interesting discussion took place.

On January 11th, on invitation from Champion Lodge, No. 84, I acted as installing master, when the officers were duly installed. On this occasion I was assisted by two Past District Deputy Grand Masters and one Past Master, after which a banquet was served by members of the Eastern Star.

On July 13th I visited Champion Lodge, No. 84, and at your request had the pleasure of investing R. W. Bro. Geo. Orr as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Officially I visited each lodge in the district once, as follows:

July 20th, 1944.—Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, Lomond.

November 1st, 1944 —Granite Lodge, No. 127, Blackie.

November 7th, 1944—Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, Vulcan.

December 11th, 1944—Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, Carmangay.

December 12th, 1944—Nobleford Lodge, No. 11, Nobleford.

December 14th, 1944—Champion Lodge, No. 84, Champion.

February 5th, 1945—Cresset Lodge, No. 136, Barons.

On all of my visits I had an escort of Past Masters and officers from my own lodge; the attendance was good. On my visits to Pyramid, Granite, Vulcan, Robert Burns, and Cresset, the officers of these lodges conferred one of the three degrees on candidates in a very satisfactory manner. These lodges have had several candidates, the other two have good prospects.

My visit to Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, was perhaps the outstanding occasion of the year—it was the night of their annual game dinner, which was served by the members of the lodge in the banquet room of the lodge hall. There were five lodges from District No. 11 represented, a very pleasant half hour was spent when a brother from Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, showed some very interesting pictures.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 11 was held in the Masonic Hall, Carmangay, October 10th, 1944. The attendance for the afternoon session was only fair, but was much better in the evening. The members were pleased to have M. W. Bro. William Ireland, Grand Master, also M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, as our honored guests. The different lodges took an active part in the discussion of lodge affairs.

At 5:30 p.m. lodge was called from labor to refreshment to attend a banquet served at the Grange Hotel; the ladies of Heather Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, assisted in serving. Labor was resumed at 8:05 p.m., when the officers of Granite Lodge, No. 127, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon Robert Henry Nelson in a very excellent manner, for the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Ireland, following which

the Grand Master gave his reasons for asking that this degree be conferred, as in his estimation the Entered Apprentice degree was the most important, and the first impressions received by the candidate. He complimented the officers of Granite Lodge on the quality of their performance. I personally wish to thank the officers and members of Granite Lodge for bringing their candidate to Carmangay and conferring this degree at our District Meeting.

Nominations for D.D.G.M. for the year 1945-46 were next in order, when W. Bro. Eric A. Thurlow, of Granite Lodge, No. 127, Blackie, was elected, subject to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's approval. W. Bro. Thurlow thanked the brethren for the honor bestowed on him and invited District No. 11 to hold their next annual meeting in Blackie.

R. W. Bro. Hagerman was called to the East and with a few fitting remarks the Grand Master presented him with the Jewel of P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 11. R. W. Bro. Hagerman thanked the officers and members of the district for the presentation and the assistance given him during his term of office.

GENERAL

M. W. Sir, I would say the lodges in this district are on the up-trend; they are receiving quite a number of members who, I believe will make good Masons and financially they are sound.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and brethren of this district for their whole-hearted co-operation and their very generous hospitality shown me during my term of office; and I am deeply conscious of the honor that has been bestowed on me. I also wish to thank the brethren of my lodge for accompanying me on my visits and especially R. W. Bro. Whitmarsh, who accompanied me on all my visits and who assisted me in every way he could, and who also acted as District Secretary.

I am sure Grand Lodge will be well represented in this district for the ensuing Masonic year by the D.D.G.M.-elect, W. Bro. Thurlow, and I am sure he will receive the same co-operation given me.

Fraternally submitted,

S. R. CRAIG,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

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TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 8th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 12 for the term 1944-45.

During this period I paid official visits to all lodges in the district

with one exception. In this case, a joint meeting was held with another lodge and the work shared.

Generally speaking attendance throughout the District has been fairly well maintained but there is much room for improvement. Some of the lodges, located in country districts are handicapped by lack of good roads and during bad weather members are unable to get to lodge.

However, it is to be noted that in these smaller places members of lodges take an active interest in local affairs, using their mutual association as a basis for getting together and promoting a combined effort. Thus, in one place a nursing home has been established. In another small town a continuous effort to get a hospital has just been crowned with success and their attention is now being directed towards the building of a community hall and children's playground. In still another place a similar project has been completed. All these activities are to be commended and while they are not sponsored by our Order they are carried out by its members and of necessity reflect credit on our institution.

It has been demonstrated in the past that our members will work for and contribute to a worthy cause. If small lodges can benefit the community then larger lodges in urban centres could select a suitable activity and build up the interest of their members. My personal opinion is that under such circumstances attendance would increase and that lodges and Masonry in general would greatly benefit.

The work is well done in most lodges, particularly in the City of Edmonton. Books are well kept but Black Books in some cases lack entries due to information not being sent to them. Historical registers do not lack for variety. In one case the register is a copy of the Secretary's minutes and another appeared to consist chiefly of life histories of past masters. I would suggest some guidance be offered to registrars covering the kind of material it is desirable to record. The financial condition of all lodges is satisfactory and future prospects appear bright.

An interesting meeting was the Installation ceremony at Westlock.

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris acted as installing master and was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, Deputy Grand Master, three P.D.D.G.M.'s the D.D.G.M.-elect, and one V. W. Brother and one W. Brother.

In Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby placed his son in the chair of King Solomon and in Jasper Lodge, No. 104 W. Bro. E. E. Sloane raised his son to the M. M. Degree. V. W. Bro. W. D. Spence of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, was invested as Grand Pursuivant by R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell the D.D.G.M. presiding during the ceremony.

The annual meeting of this District was held in the Masonic Temple in Edmonton on October 26th, 1944. Registration took place between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. M. W. Bro. Ireland, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell and R. W. Bro. Alex Paton were in attendance together with many other illustrious brethren. P.D.D.G.M. Alex Paton gave his report, other reports were received from sitting masters and addresses were made by the principal officers.

At the banquet the assembly was addressed by M. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell.

Upon resumption of labor W. Bro. E. M. Beckwith received unanimous nomination for D.D.G.M. and was declared elected for the year 1945-46.

Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, conferred the second degree on two candidates upon which M. W. Bro. J. Martland commented.

In conclusion I would like to thank all lodges for their unfailing kindness, courtesy and hospitality throughout my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

L. C. STEVENS,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hythe, June 4th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as your Deputy for District No. 12 for the year 1944-45.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Hythe on Wednesday, July 12th, 1944. Seven of the eight lodges were represented with a registered attendance of Seventy-five (75) members.

We had the honor and pleasure of your presence, M. W. Sir; and other distinguished guests, in the persons of R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, D.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary; and M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M.

The minutes of the last District Meeting, which was held at Spirit River, July 21st, 1943, were read and approved.

After the D.D.G.M. had welcomed the visitors, and expressed the hope the meeting would be a success, R. W. Bro. Fildes, P.D.D.G.M., reported re his year in office, which met with approval.

The representatives of the various lodges gave their several reports, which showed that Masonry was very active in the district.

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris was then called upon to present on behalf of Masons of District No. 13 P.D.D.G.M. regalia to R. W. Bro. Fildes.

The meeting was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 p.m.

At the banquet which was given by Hythe Lodge, addresses were given by yourself, M. W. Sir, R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, M. W. Bro. Moore, M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, and W. Bro. Shaver of Peace Lodge, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Labor was resumed at 8 o'clock p.m. The election of D.D.G.M.

for the year 1945-46 resulted in the unanimous choice of W. Bro. V. Maurice of Wahpun Lodge, No. 88.

On my official visits I was received with courtesy and hospitality and I found the officers of the lodges to be very capable in their work.

I am sorry, M. W. Sir, that owing to illness in my family, I have been unable to fulfill my duties as I would have liked.

Official visits were made as follows:

Hythe Lodge, No. 156—August 31st, 1944.

Sexsmith Lodge, No. 160—September 5th, 1944.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106—September 7th, 1944.

Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105—May 10th, 1945.

Spirit River Lodge, No. 116—May 21st, 1945.

Masonry is in a healthy condition throughout the district and this year will see a decided increase in membership. A good sign is the number of young men joining the lodges. Financially the lodges are in good condition.

And finally I wish to express my thanks to the brethren who assisted me and accompanied me on my visits. I also wish to express my thanks to W. Bro. Abbott for his capable work as District Secretary.

I must compliment the secretaries of the different lodges on the manner in which the books were kept. The Historical Registers as a whole are being written up and will be an asset to the lodges in the future.

I bespeak for my successor the same co-operation and loyal support that was given me.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL B. ANDERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cereal, May 9th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report covering my term as your District Deputy in the Fourteenth Masonic District, for the Masonic year ending June A.L. 5945.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the officers and brethren of Masonic District No. 14 for their consideration and assistance in every way possible during my term of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

Our District Meeting was held in Youngstown, on August 31st, 1944, with an exceptionally large attendance. After the formal recep-

tion of the Grand Lodge officers, we proceeded with reports from various lodges in District No. 14, which was followed by a very instructive, informal discussion. A few words of advice by visiting Grand Lodge officers proved very beneficial to all the brethren.

A tasty banquet was served in the evening, in the Community Hall by local Red Cross ladies.

During the evening session Crocus Lodge gave a creditable exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree. We then had the pleasure of hearing addresses by the Most Worshipful Bro. Wm. Ireland, Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, and Right Worshipful Bro. Arthur Bond, Grand Senior Warden.

W. Bro. Emil Olson was elected my successor and I wish him every success in his new duties and I sincerely hope he receives the support and co-operation I received during my tenure of office.

The next District Meeting for District No. 14 will be held at Delia.

During my term of office I visited all lodges once in my official capacity and in addition I visited some of the lodges twice unofficially.

The dates of my official visits are as follows:

Hanna Lodge, No. 78—December 4th, 1944.

Acadia Lodge, No. 82—November 28th, 1944.

Hand Hills Lodge, No. 98—September 27th, 1944.

Oyen Lodge, No. 104—November 7th, 1944.

Crocus Lodge, No. 115—October 31st, 1944.

Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132—October 10th, 1944.

Berry Creek Lodge, No. 158—August 23rd, 1944.

Empress, U.D., Empress—April 26th, 1945.

I am pleased to report, Most Worshipful Sir, that the condition of Masonry in District No. 14 is in a very sound condition. The fact of an increase of forty members during the past year is evidence of the progressive state of Masonry in this district. All lodges are financially sound with membership on the increase.

It was also my pleasant duty to institute a new Masonic Lodge at Empress, Alberta, on October 19th, 1944, with the able assistance of R. W. Bro. Charles Stuart, of Oyen Lodge, R. W. Bro. Ira Barton of Acadia Lodge, W. Bro. H. O. Hille, W. Bro. H. J. Westphal and W. Bro. J. G. Agar, Past Masters of Crocus Lodge.

Saskatchewan Masonry was represented from Cabri and Swift Current Lodges, Saskatchewan; on the east to Bassano and Hanna on the west joined in wishing Empress Lodge the best in their new Masonic career.

Following the institution some seventy visiting brethren were royally entertained to a banquet by the members of Empress Lodge.

And finally, I would like to thank the brethren of District No. 14 for the confidence and trust they placed in me by electing me your representative, and especially might I mention R. W. Bro. Dishan, who acted as my District Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Arthur Bond for his able assistance, as he is a tower of strength to myself and Ma-

sonry in District No. 14. I should like also to convey to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Grand Secretary, my sincere thanks for the assistance you have given me during my term of office.

I respectfully submit this report, Most Worshipful Sir, for your approval.

Fraternally yours,

W. C. AGAR,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Elnora, May 15th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration my report of District No. 15, and the component lodges therein.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Acme on August 29th, 1944, which was well attended, both afternoon and evening sessions. We were favored in having with us, you, M. W. Sir, also M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore, together with a number of P.D.D.G.M.'s from District No. 15.

In the election of D.D.G.M. for 1945-36 W. Bro. E. H. Van Wart of Acme was unanimously elected. On the invitation of Cavell Lodge, No. 125, the next District Meeting will be held in Delburne.

OFFICIAL MEETINGS

My first visit was to **Cavell Lodge, No. 125**. It is a small lodge with only 33 members, but they are very much alive and coming along very well.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 76, Bashaw.—On August 8th I made my official visit and was well received. It was a regular meeting and not a large attendance, but the work was carried on perfectly. They take a great delight in trying to do their work as nearly perfect as possible. This is a large lodge and they have a magnificent lodge room, of which they are justly proud. Their books are well kept; the lodge room clean and neat, and a pleasure to visit. A feeling of true brotherly love exists throughout the entire lodge.

Irricana Lodge, No. 137.—I made my official visit to Irricana on August 15th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Roach, and the present Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, W. Bro. Pearce. This was one of the worst nights I ever tried to drive a car. There were only a few out, owing to the storm, but those who did attend were perfect in their work. They had three Firsts, and the manner in which the ceremony was conducted was a credit to them. This Lodge, the second largest in the district, has paid off its mortgage, and they are justly proud of their achievement, and they are to be congratulated.

The Worshipful Master being absent, the Chair was occupied by W. Bro. Mallet.

Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, Three Hills.—On October 18th, I officially visited Cyprus Lodge. This is a small lodge but very much alive. They are active in many ways, having collected a truck load of different kinds of vegetables for the Wood's Home at Bowness, as well as canned goods. They are greatly interested in the *Bulletin*, subscribing for 25 copies monthly. I spent a very enjoyable evening. This lodge, being near home, I visit them from time to time when the weather is fine, and I am always made very welcome. Some of their members were made in St. Andrew's Lodge before Cyprus Lodge was formed.

Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme.—I made my first official visit on October 26th and was kindly received, although there was only a small turn out. This lodge has 47 members, and is quite active. As there was no Work, the evening was spent in discussion on Masonic topics.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, Trochu.—I officially visited this lodge on December 14th and was well received. St. Andrew's Lodge being my home lodge, I take great pride in it. We have a membership of 54; own our own building, and the brethren are justly proud of their lodge room. We conferred a Third Degree that evening, and I was very pleased with the way the Work was put on. This lodge has a Benevolent Fund, also a Widows and Orphans Fund. The younger brethren are very interested in putting on the Work, and enjoy visiting other lodges. St. Andrew's Lodge has a bright future ahead.

I endeavored to get all my visits over early in December, and I am grateful to those brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge who accompanied me on several of my visits. I was greatly pleased with the spirit of all the lodges.

I would like to thank the brethren for the honor they bestowed upon me when electing me to this office, and I hope I have, to some extent, been worthy of this office. I want to extend to my successor, R. W. Bro. E. H. Van Wart, my best wishes for a prosperous and successful Masonic year as D.D.G.M. of District No. 15.

Fraternally submitted,

A. A. KIDD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Standard, May 10th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you a brief report of my activities during the term of my office as D.D.G.M. of District No. 16 for the year 1944-45.

I am deeply grateful to the brethren for my election to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 16. I have endeavored, during my term of office, to discharge my duties impartially, and to the best of my ability. I trust, Most Worshipful Sir, that my year's work will merit your approval.

My observations have led me to believe that Masonry is making for itself a definite place in the minds and hearts of the brethren, and a greater realization of the true worth of the tenets and principles we are striving to inculcate is in evidence throughout the District. A keener conception of all that Masonry stands for has resulted in raising the standards of the brethren, and through each officer and member of the lodge as a whole. It is with pleasure that I report that the Masonic spirit in all lodges is at a high level.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Drumheller on August 30th, with officers and members present from each lodge in the district.

The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore, M. W. Bro. George Ellis, P.G.M., and the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond—and I had the honor to receive these distinguished brethren with Grand Honors, after the District Meeting had been opened by Drumheller Lodge, No. 146. Brief but informative and satisfactory reports were submitted by all lodges of the district, and pertinent and instructive observations offered by the Grand Master after each report. Many problems were discussed and explained by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

A sumptuous banquet was served by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star at the supper hour, and many complimentary remarks as to the efficiency of the service were observed. A very able Masonic Address was delivered by W. Bro. Norman P. Bragg, of Rockyford Lodge, which was well received.

Conferring of the First Degree by Symbol Lodge, No. 93, in the York Rite, was exceptionally well conducted. A splendid address by the Grand Master was listened to with rapt attention by all present. W. Bro. T. R. Sutherland of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1945-46, and Drumheller was selected as the place of holding the next District Meeting. Thanks was extended to all who contributed to the success of an outstanding meeting.

VISITATIONS

During my term of office I have officially visited each lodge in the district at least once. I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the hearty and friendly welcome accorded me on every visit. It was encouraging, indeed, to find all lodges reporting degree work in excess of that enjoyed for some time, and the calibre of the men seeking admission to our Fraternity has been very high and entirely satisfactory.

Following are the dates of my official visits:

Drumheller Lodge, No. 146—September 19th, 1944.

Symbol Lodge, No. 93—October 12th, 1944.

Standard Lodge, No. 152—October 16th, 1944.

Rockyford Lodge, No. 123—November 2nd, 1944.
Hussar Lodge, No. 130—November 13th, 1944.
Carbon Lodge, No. 107—April 24th, 1945.

I found the lodges to be in excellent financial condition, the work being efficiently done, a splendid feeling of harmony prevailing. The Historical Register is being kept up-to-date in each lodge of the District. I also wish to especially mention the excellent manner in which the work of the Secretaries of each lodge is being carried out, and District No. 16 is fortunate in having such capable officers.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to again express my sincere appreciation of the brethren for their splendid support and co-operation during my term of office. I especially wish to thank W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton, for his efficient work as my District Secretary and for the many courtesies he has seen fit to extend to me in the performance of duties.

Fraternally submitted,

C. P. DAHL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Tofield, April 10th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in District No. 17 for the term 1944-45. I have visited each lodge in the district at least once officially, and have made several unofficial visits.

My first official visit was made to **Connaught Lodge, No. 69**, at Viking, on July 11th, 1944, accompanied by eight members of my own lodge. The Fellow Craft Degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers in a very able and efficient manner on two splendid candidates. My address was on "The Responsibilities of the Craftsman in His Lodge and Community", and was well received. This lodge is very active and has a splendid Secretary, who keeps the books and records in first class shape. The Historical Register has been known for years as the best in the district. They have a fine group of Past Masters and members, and the lodge is in an excellent financial position. 25 copies of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* are distributed to the members. A remarkable feeling of good fellowship and harmony prevails, and the meeting was enjoyed by all.

My next official visit was made to **Albion Lodge, No. 97**, at Chauvin, on August 3rd, 1944, and owing to the distance, I travelled by train, and was welcomed by R. W. Bro. Hawthorn, P.D.D.G.M., who is the railway agent at Chauvin. This was my first visit to this lodge, and I was pleased to see the fine hall they possess. While there was no degree Work, the business of the evening was well conducted by the Worshipful

Master and his officers, as were the opening and closing ceremonies. Although harvesting operations had started, there was a good turnout of members, also visitors from Edgerton Lodge, No. 102. The discussions revealed that the members were very interested in civic affairs in the town, and were joining with other groups to provide a building as a Recreation Hall for the young people of the district. The books and records are neatly kept by the Secretary, who was proud to state that there were no outstanding dues for 1943. The Historical Register was up to date and well kept. An extensive use is made of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* - 43 copies being ordered. A fine spirit of harmony and brotherhood was evident in this lodge, the members taking their Masonic duties very seriously in all respects. The hospitality extended to me by R. W. Bro. Hawthorn and W. Bro. Chandler was deeply appreciated, and my visit to Albion, No. 97, at the extreme end of the district from Tofield, will always be a pleasant memory.

My official visit to **Edgerton, No. 102**, was made on August 7th, 1944. Accompanied by my wife, who acted as chauffeur, we enjoyed the drive from Tofield, and were welcomed at Edgerton by R. W. Bro. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, who took charge of my wife. It had been about nine years since I last visited Edgerton, No. 102, as Secretary to the late R. W. Bro. Chapman, the then D.D.G.M., and I was struck with the fine improvements the brethren had made to their hall. It was very well finished inside and plans are made for the stuccoing of the outside. The books and records are in charge of R. W. Bro. Mitchell, and are well kept. The lodge is very active and in sound financial shape. Every member receives a copy of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. The Worshipful Master and his officers conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on two candidates, who will make splendid members of our Order. The work was very well done. My address was on "The Responsibilities of the Craftsman in His Lodge and Community". I received a very hearty and cordial reception from the brethren, and must again thank R. W. Bro. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, who extended to my wife and I the hospitality of their home and saw us away early next morning on our return to Tofield.

Accompanied by several members of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, my official visit was made to **Dynamic Lodge, No. 96**, on September 6th, 1944. A First Degree was conferred by the officers of the lodge, assisted by the officers of Connaught Lodge, No. 69. The work was well done and a good impression was made on the candidate. This lodge has been badly hit by the war, as many of its younger members are in the Armed Forces, while some of the older ones are moving away, leaving a small group of Past Masters and members to "carry on". This they intend to do, with the help of the neighboring lodges. The spirit of Masonry is very high, and while Dynamic Lodge is having a hard time to keep going just now, better days are ahead, and some time in the future, their hall, which is the finest in the district, will be filled once again with brethren, busy with the good work of Freemasonry. The books and records are well kept by the Secretary, with the exception of the Historical Register, which had been neglected by his predecessors, but I received assurance that the Register would be brought up to date. The lodge is in an excellent financial position, and every member receives a copy of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. My address was on "The Significance of the Symbols of the Entered Apprentice Degree". This lodge and District No. 17 have since had the misfortune to lose R. W. Bro. Wm. Fleming, P.D.D.G.M., who was moved by the bank to another town.

My next official visit was made to **Buffalo Park Lodge, No. 44**, on October 12th, 1944, at Wainwright. This is the oldest and largest lodge in our district, and I was rather disappointed with the attendance on the occasion, and felt that more members should have been out to greet their D.D.G.M., who had travelled 95 miles to visit them. However, a very pleasant evening was enjoyed with those present, who, one could see, had the interests of the lodge at heart. I missed W. Bro. J. Sutherland—one of the most active members of the lodge—who was unable to be present on account of working. There was no degree work, but the business and ceremonies of the evening were well conducted by the Worshipful Master and his officers. The books and records are well kept by the Secretary, but the Historical Register has been neglected for years. However, the Master appointed a strong committee to try and bring the Register up to date. It was a pleasure to meet three members of the Army from the nearby Camp who came from widely separated points in Canada, but were drawn together by the ties of Friendship and Brotherly Love to enjoy Masonic Fellowship with us. My address was on "Lessons Derived from the Third Degree". Since my visit, I have been advised that this lodge has increased their order of Grand Lodge *Bulletins*, and that the Worshipful Master has stirred up the brethren, with the result that they have had some fine meetings with good attendance.

October 19th, 1944, was the occasion of my official visit to **Gratton Lodge, No. 144**, at Irma, when there was a fair turn out of members and visitors from Connaught, No. 69, and Buffalo Park, No. 44. I received a hearty welcome and a fine old-fashioned spirit of friendship was displayed by all. There was no degree work, but the business of the evening, and opening and closing were well conducted by the Worshipful Master and his officers. This lodge is fairly active and the books and records are well kept by the Secretary, and the lodge is in a sound position financially. My address was on general lines, and I stressed the value of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*, especially as a source of knowledge to those who wished to give talks on Masonic subjects. I urged the lodge to consider ordering a copy for each one of their members, and also mentioned the need of prompt attendance of the officers and members, and the advantage of starting on time.

My last official visit was made to my own lodge - **Palestine, No. 46** - on November 21st, 1944, when they were celebrating their 35th Anniversary. A First Degree was conferred on a fine candidate by the Worshipful Master and his officers in a very efficient manner. The books and records are kept in splendid shape by the Secretary, W. Bro. Clutterham, and the lodge receives 20 copies of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. This lodge is very active and in good financial shape, and has an active group of Past Masters who are always ready to assist the Worshipful Master in carrying on the work and management of the lodge. On this occasion there were 16 Past Master present, also nine members, including Bro. Al. Shultz, a charter member, while visitors from Camrose, Holden, Viking and Edmonton, made up a total present of 41. My address was on "The Symbols of the First Degree and Their Significance Today" and was well received by the brethren and the candidate. It was a very enjoyable evening, and I was pleased by the efforts of my own lodge members in making my official visit to "Home" such a success.

DISTRICT MEETING OF DISTRICT No. 17

The Seventeenth District Meeting of District No. 17 was held

at Tofield in the hall of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, on Tuesday, August 22nd, 1944. Every lodge in the district was represented with the exception of Gratton Lodge, No. 144, Irma.

We were pleased to welcome you, M. W. Sir, and your staff, including M. W. Bro. Martland, P.G.M., R. W. Bro. Ottewell, J.G.W., M. W. Bro. Bradley, I.P.G.M., R. W. Bro. Booth, P.G.R., and others. Altogether, delegates and visitors, 68 signed the Register. The absence of M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, was noted with keen regret and it was with great sorrow we learned that his loving wife had passed away. A unanimous resolution of our sincere sympathy was passed and was later transmitted by wire to M. W. Bro. Moore, by the D.D.G.M.

The reports of the Masters of the several lodges in the district were very inspiring, indicating that Freemasonry was definitely on the uptrend.

One Minute's Silence was observed by the brethren in memory of those who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

M. W. Bro. Martland, Chairman of the Committee on the Work, gave a resume of the rulings made by the Committee, and also answered questions relating to the Work, and an interesting discussion took place. M. W. Bro. Martland also addressed the Masters and Secretaries present on the efficient management of lodge affairs.

At 6:00 p.m. the brethren adjourned to the basement of the United Church to enjoy a banquet, which was catered to by the ladies of Ionic Chapter, O.E.S., in their usual efficient style.

At the evening session the First Degree was conferred on Mr. Jackson, of Edgerton, by the Worshipful Master and officers of Edgerton Lodge, No. 102, assisted by the officers of Palestine Lodge, No. 46. The Work was well done, and Mr. Jackson has the distinction of being the first person ever to receive a Degree at a District Meeting in District No. 17. At the conclusion of the Work, M. W. Bro. Martland criticized the manner in which the Work was done, giving praise and advice where necessary.

W. Bro. Chas. E. Miller, of Albion Lodge, No. 97, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1945-46, and Chauvin the next place of meeting.

Among those present who addressed the meeting were M. W. Bro. Bradley, I.P.G.M., R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, J.G.W., and M. W. Bro. Martland, P.G.M. The Address of M. W. Bro. Ireland, Grand Master, was greatly appreciated by an attentive audience. In his remarks, the Grand Master stressed the necessity of Freemasons being ready to assist in the rehabilitation of returning war veterans, and in the building up of society with a better understanding of the Brotherhood of Man.

The District Meeting was closed by the D.D.G.M. at 11:15 p.m.

GENERAL

From my visits to the different lodges, I find that Masonry is very active and that the members of our Order are taking a keen interest in the war effort. They are working on Red Cross Committees, Civic

Improvement Groups, Victory Loan Committees, in fact, everything that requires the support of good citizens in these trying times.

My year of office has entailed considerable effort on my part, but in return my Masonic experience has been made richer and fuller, and I have enjoyed it all. In preparing my addresses, I have endeavored to express to the brethren the Truths of our Great Institution, as they have appealed to me, through its ritualistic ceremonies and to impress on them the necessity of living up to our obligations and pledges, to the end that the influence of our Masonic ideals and conduct will assist in building up a society where brotherhood will hold its rightful place. I have also stressed the benefits derived from each member receiving and studying the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*, and am happy that my efforts were successful in increasing the circulation in the district. I mentioned the great need of being prepared to welcome our returning veterans, and to aid in their rehabilitation. I wish to add a word of praise to the Secretaries, who are keeping their records in a splendid manner. Truly a good Secretary is a great help to the Worshipful Master and his lodge, but I feel that the Worshipful Masters should be more responsible in seeing that the Historical Register is properly taken care of by the Registrar.

In conclusion, I must express my thanks to W. Bro. Webb, for his assistance to me as District Secretary, and also my sincere appreciation of the wonderful manner in which I was received by the brethren wherever I visited, their kindness and hospitality, good fellowship and willingness to help, will always be a happy memory to me. I wish to thank all those who assisted with transportation and who accompanied me on my visits, and especially to all who assisted in making the District Meeting such a success.

I also wish to express my thanks to M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, for his kindly advice and help, whenever I required it, and also thank you, M. W. Sir, and the brethren of District No. 17 for the opportunity of serving as D.D.G.M.

I bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. Miller, the same co-operation and loyal support that was given me, and which has made the Masonic year 1944-45 one of progress and activity.

Fraternally submitted,

HUBERT W. LOVELL,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the twelve months ending April 30th, 1945.

GENERAL FUND

May 1st, 1944, Balance in Bank.....	\$ 8,272.65
Deposits.....	\$21,169.88
Less Exchange.....	60.75
	<u>21,109.13</u>
	\$29,381.78
Less Cheques issued.....	<u>28,280.47</u>
April 30th, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 1,101.31

RELIEF FUND

May 1st, 1944—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 696.42
Deposits.....	12,681.53
	<u>\$13,377.95</u>
Less Cheques issued:	
Donated by Masonic War Distress Fund .	6,046.51
Transfer to General Fund, 1945.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
	7,046.51
April 30th, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 6,331.44

BENEVOLENT FUND

May 1st, 1944—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 384.49
Affiliation Fees.....	\$ 204.00
Interest on Savings.....	5.02
	<u>209.02</u>
April 30th, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 593.51

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

May 1st, 1944—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 7,989.88
Deposits.....	9,676.78
	<u>\$17,666.66</u>
Less Cheques issued.....	\$ 5,096.26
Less Bonds Purchased.....	<u>11,500.00</u>
	\$16,596.26
April 30th, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 1,070.40

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

May 1st, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 7.50
Interest	<u>3.00</u>
April 30th, 1945—Balance in Bank.....	\$ 10.50

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set forth in the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28): "That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received, and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith the Fortieth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, together with a statement of monies received from lodges, and lodge balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1945. A statement of Liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. Also included in this Report is a synopsis of the Returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1944; a statement of Certificates issued, and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master, and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Six Hundred and Fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies were sent to each Lodge, and in a few cases, a third copy was sent on request of the Lodge. A small number are still available, and an extra copy will gladly be sent to any Lodge applying for the same.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 642 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

88 Life Members were registered and the requisite Certificates issued.

I have also issued 125 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Medicine Hat, No. 2.....	Oct. 31, 1944
Cairo, No. 32.....	Jan. 3, 1945
Mizpah, No. 35.....	May 23, 1945
Comet, No. 50.....	May 31, 1945

Amendments to By-Laws

Cascade, No. 5.....	June 16, 1944
Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	July 17, 1944

Cavell, No. 125.....	July 31, 1944
Foremost, No. 103.....	Aug. 21, 1944
Cavell, No. 125.....	Nov. 27, 1944
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Dec. 15, 1944
Perfection, No. 9.....	Jan. 5, 1945
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Jan. 22, 1945
Jasper, No. 14.....	Jan. 29, 1945
Gleichen, No. 36.....	Feb. 10, 1945
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Feb. 28, 1945
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Mar. 14, 1945
Jasper, No. 14.....	Mar. 20, 1945
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Mar. 10, 1945
Morning Star, No. 79.....	April 16, 1945
Stavely, No. 33.....	April 20, 1945
Patricia, No. 91.....	May 10, 1945
Comet, No. 50.....	May 31, 1945

DISPENSATIONS

There were 110 Dispensations issued as follows:

To wear Regalia at Divine Service.....	22
To Install and Invest out of time.....	4
To Elect and Invest out of time.....	10
To Invest out of time.....	5
To change night of Regular Meeting.....	28
To change regular hour of meeting.....	5
To Elect out of time.....	5
To act without residence qualifications.....	4
To confer Degrees in less time than prescribed by Constitution.....	10
To receive and act in less than constitutional time.....	2
To act with physical defect.....	6
To change place of meeting.....	2
To withdraw application.....	1
To confer Degree without Statutory seven days' notice.....	1
To ballot at Emergent Meeting.....	1
To ballot and initiate the same evening.....	4

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M. W. the Grand Master, appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendations of their respective Grand Masters, were issued:

Connecticut.....	R. W. Bro. Milo A. Appley
Kentucky.....	W. Bro. Fred L. Ballou
Rio de Janeiro.....	M. W. Bro. Daniel Correa Trindade
Vermont.....	Wor. Bro. Rev. Chas. Stanley Jones

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell.....	Grand Lodge of Alabama
R. W. Bro. Alex. Paton.....	Grand Lodge of Arizona
R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams.....	Grand Lodge of Georgia

R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard Grand Lodge of Indiana
 R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island
 R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar Grand Lodge of Venezuela

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Masonic Research and Education and "Bulletin"

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, *Chairman*; V. W. Bro. M. J. Brodie;
 R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell; R. W. Bro. John A. Livingstone; and
 R. W. Bro. John Booth.

"The Work"

M. W. Bro. J. Martland, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank; V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield; and M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, and M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey; and R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. Rev. John W. House, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton; and R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Boud.

MEMBERSHIP

Corrected Total Membership, December 31, 1943 10,860

Increase

Initiated	731	
Passed	700	
Raised	642	
Joined (Affiliated)	210	
Re-instated	108	
	—	1,049

Decrease

Dimitted	151	
Suspended N.P.D.	51	
Suspended U.M.C.	1	
Died	182	
	—	385

Net Increase 664

Total Membership, December 31, 1944 11,524

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS AND REHABILITATION FUND

I also beg to present for your consideration, my Report on the Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund. In accordance with

instructions received, Case History Cards were prepared, and approximately 3,500 were typed in this office. Each member, member's sons or daughters, together with their names, units, regimental numbers, and lodge affiliations, have been duly recorded and card indexed. A complete set for the Jurisdiction is on hand in the Grand Lodge office for use of the Calgary Advisory Committee, and duplicate sets and the necessary cabinet for Districts Nos. 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 17, have been forwarded to V. W. Bro. Rod MacKenzie, Chairman of the Edmonton Advisory Committee.

While the Fund has not been pushed in any way by Grand Lodge this year, it is gratifying to note that a respectable sum has been sent in by the lodges. It is true that some of this arrived too late to be included in last year's totals, nevertheless, the lodges are to be congratulated for their fraternal aid and assistance to this worthy cause. Following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the period from April 30th, 1944, to April 30th, 1945:

Receipts

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1944.....	\$ 7,933.88
Cash on hand—May 1st, 1944.....	56.00
Received from Lodges—April 30th, 1944, to April 30th, 1945.....	9,186.78
Interest on Bonds.....	490.00
	\$17,666.66

Disbursements

Grand Lodge of England.....	\$ 5,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds purchased.....	11,500.00
Bank Charges on Collections.....	15.46
War Service Committee Expense.....	80.80
Balance in Bank—April 30th, 1945.....	1,070.40
	\$17,666.66

RECEIPTS FROM LODGES

April 30th, 1944, to April 30th, 1945

District No. 1.....	\$1,578.80
District No. 2.....	378.76
District No. 3.....	584.68
District No. 4.....	673.50
District No. 5.....	231.50
District No. 6.....	376.70
District No. 7.....	812.90
District No. 8.....	325.50
District No. 9.....	218.11
District No. 10.....	1,002.16
District No. 11.....	452.25
District No. 12.....	1,073.45
District No. 13.....	493.00
District No. 14.....	159.35
District No. 15.....	135.52
District No. 16.....	383.65
District No. 17.....	281.50
Meeting Masonic District No. 2.....	25.45
	\$9,186.78

MEMBERSHIP

Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction have been busy during the year. 1,049 new members have been admitted, with a net increase of 664, the largest number for many years past. Affiliations and Restorations are above average, with a sharp decline in the number of Suspensions and Dimissions. A Dispensation for a new Lodge has been issued at Empress, Alberta, with twenty-one members signing the Petition.

It was my privilege to accompany the Grand Master to 15 of the District Meetings, at which the business side of matters dealing with Lodge and Grand Lodge were freely and informally discussed. This has, in the two years in which it has been tried, proved very helpful all round, and I would again like to express my sincere thanks for the co-operation which has resulted therefrom.

Semi-annual returns were, as usual, a little slow coming in from some lodges. I would like to remind those brethren who were late, that one month only is the Constitutional limit.

REGALIA

Up to the present, the Regalia situation has been somewhat tight, but there is every prospect of the situation easing up in the near future. It is also expected that Fifty Year Jewels will be available again before long.

Grand Lodge Proceedings were again somewhat late in reaching the lodges, due to printing difficulties, but every effort will be made to have the 1945 issue in your hands as soon as possible.

The outstanding balances of the lodges are at a low figure, \$280.89, several of which have been paid since the books were closed on April 30th.

I wish to express my thanks to the Grand Master for his kindly help and assistance, so graciously given at all times, and to the Grand Lodge Officers, and to the Secretaries of Lodges, for their co-operation in the prompt attention given to forwarding Returns and acknowledging mail, which is so essential if Grand Lodge Office is to serve you to the fullest extent possible.

Particularly do I wish to express a word of appreciation to Mrs. Davidson of the Grand Lodge Office. Much extra work has been necessary due to the heavy influx of candidates, and the work of preparing the lists of members and relatives, supplies, etc., several thousands of cards have had to be prepared, all of which has been cheerfully and successfully undertaken by her, for which I am truly grateful.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1945

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Monies received between May 1st, 1944, and April 30th, 1945

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$297.40	44.	Buffalo Park.....	59.02
2.	Medicine Hat.....	309.70	45.	Ionic.....	83.90
3.	Alberta.....	122.70	46.	Palestine.....	78.55
4.	North Star.....	231.25	47.	Chinook.....	52.88
5.	Cascade.....	164.65	48.	Crossfield.....	70.30
6.	Spitzie.....	122.65	49.	Robert Burns.....	45.80
7.	Edmonton.....	372.55	50.	Comet.....	67.20
8.	Innisfail.....	156.95	51.	Unity.....	499.44
9.	Perfection.....	442.80	53.	Strathmore.....	133.05
10.	Eureka.....	112.25	54.	Mount Lebanon...	240.61
11.	Acacia.....	355.20	55.	Bassano.....	55.70
12.	Red Deer.....	184.85	56.	Beaver.....	95.40
13.	Victoria.....	56.10	57.	Grassy Lake.....	51.60
14.	Jasper.....	174.80	58.	Chief Mountain...	84.40
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	125.30	59.	King George.....	395.40
16.	Mountain View...	149.82	60.	Acme.....	54.00
17.	Nanton.....	131.90	61.	Provost.....	81.95
18.	Britannia.....	148.75	62.	Melrose.....	83.45
19.	Cornerstone.....	218.45	63.	Empire.....	164.50
20.	Carstairs.....	79.10	64.	Bow Island.....	87.25
21.	King Hiram.....	93.00	65.	Diamond City.....	31.85
22.	Corinthian.....	197.45	66.	St. Andrew's.....	88.32
23.	Calgary.....	233.20	67.	Charity.....	105.35
24.	Vermilion.....	198.10	68.	Edson.....	230.15
25.	St. John's.....	166.45	69.	Connaught.....	106.75
26.	Sentinel.....	85.60	70.	Quarry.....	66.05
27.	Apollo.....	144.90	71.	Tawatinaw.....	83.25
28.	Ashlar.....	205.45	72.	Coronation.....	107.26
29.	Kenilworth.....	152.15	73.	Brooks.....	191.60
30.	Summit.....	92.75	74.	Vulcan.....	144.25
31.	Doric.....	110.34	75.	Harmony.....	54.10
32.	Cairo.....	210.25	76.	Fidelity.....	111.50
33.	Stavely.....	76.32	77.	Strathcona.....	204.05
34.	Star of the West..	94.86	78.	Hanna.....	149.25
35.	Mizpah.....	216.60	79.	Morning Star.....	63.65
36.	Gleichen.....	186.55	80.	Excelsior.....	29.65
37.	Camrose.....	141.11	81.	Commercial.....	251.85
37.	Hope.....	68.65	82.	Acadia.....	46.95
39.	Lethbridge.....	233.80	83.	Zetland.....	321.65
40.	Joppa.....	42.85	84.	Champion.....	51.10
41.	King Solomon.....	87.35	86.	Rocky Mountain..	78.95
42.	Bowden.....	72.65	87.	Crescent.....	322.75
43.	Tuscan.....	56.05	88.	Wahpun.....	100.05

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
89.	Peace River.....	135.57	131.	Kitscoty.....	88.10
90.	Norwood.....	145.75	132.	Craigmyle.....	82.90
91.	Patricia.....	289.35	133.	Manyberries.....	57.90
92.	Saskatchewan.....	166.85	134.	Renfrew.....	202.40
93.	Symbol.....	214.95	135.	Alliance.....	66.40
94.	Lamont.....	76.70	136.	Cresset.....	52.30
95.	Kitchener.....	42.40	137.	Irricana.....	127.75
96.	Dynamic.....	49.18	138.	Onoway.....	50.45
97.	Albion.....	66.35	140.	Big Valley.....	91.35
98.	Hand Hill.....	113.70	141.	Efficiency.....	97.86
100.	Verdigris.....	132.35	142.	Ivanhoe.....	264.70
101.	West Edmonton..	185.85	143.	Jasper Park.....	189.20
102.	Edgerton.....	90.60	144.	Gratton.....	51.75
103.	Foremost.....	99.35	145.	St. Alban's.....	45.85
104.	Oyen.....	102.60	146.	Drumheller.....	116.30
105.	Grande Prairie...	135.95	147.	Northland.....	110.35
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	65.07	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	32.05
107.	Carbon.....	118.80	151.	Lochearn.....	134.40
108.	Pyramid.....	71.35	152.	Standard.....	72.25
110.	Kilwinning.....	43.45	153.	Whitecourt.....	63.95
111.	Nobleford.....	52.05	154.	Waskatenau.....	54.39
113.	Cyprus.....	64.05	155.	Earl Haig.....	10.00
114.	Westlock.....	103.80	156.	Hythe.....	86.96
115.	Crocus.....	75.25	157.	Sharon.....	61.92
116.	Spirit River.....	132.15	158.	Berry Creek.....	76.83
117.	Dominion.....	182.60	159.	Lucerne.....	70.50
118.	St. Mark's.....	182.20	160.	Sexsmith.....	56.50
119.	York.....	154.10	161.	Empress.....	99.00
120.	Monitor.....	60.60		Masonic District No. 3..	14.00
122.	Rising Sun.....	43.55		Masonic District No. 4..	95.00
123.	Rockyford.....	90.27		Masonic District No. 8..	74.75
124.	Concord.....	239.50		Masonic District No. 9..	95.00
125.	Cavell.....	100.27		Masonic District No. 13.	94.80
126.	Pembina.....	46.49		Sundry Account.....	284.72
127.	Granite.....	120.00			
128.	Forestburg.....	93.00			
129.	Meridian.....	133.77			
130.	Hussar.....	78.25			
					\$20,018.98

DEBIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1945

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3.	Alberta.....	\$ 2.00	19.	Cornerstone.....	1.00
4.	North Star.....	19.70	21.	King Hiram.....	3.00
5.	Cascade.....	.40	24.	Vermilion.....	1.00
7.	Edmonton.....	2.00	26.	Sentinel.....	3.00
9.	Perfection.....	28.65	33.	Stavely.....	.75
12.	Red Deer.....	1.95	34.	Star of the West..	.25
14.	Jasper.....	.65	36.	Gleichen.....	2.65
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	3.50	37.	Camrose.....	5.50
18.	Britannia.....	1.25	38.	Hope.....	1.85

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
39.	Lethbridge.....	.65	102.	Edgerton.....	1.75
44.	Buffalo Park.....	.05	113.	Cyprus.....	13.80
48.	Crossfield.....	5.40	118.	St. Mark's.....	3.35
51.	Unity.....	.70	119.	York.....	2.60
55.	Bassano.....	61.30	125.	Cavell.....	1.30
60.	Acme.....	1.95	129.	Meridian.....	3.13
64.	Bow Island.....	.50	138.	Onoway.....	.40
66.	St. Andrew's.....	.25	140.	Big Valley.....	1.70
67.	Charity.....	.40	141.	Efficiency.....	.50
68.	Edson.....	3.20	142.	Ivanhoe.....	1.00
71.	Tawatinaw.....	16.55	145.	St. Albans.....	.25
73.	Brooks.....	1.00	146.	Drumheller.....	6.00
74.	Vulcan.....	3.00	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	23.90
77.	Strathcona.....	.30	151.	Lochearn.....	8.25
78.	Hanna.....	2.00	152.	Standard.....	3.25
80.	Excelsior.....	.65	154.	Waskatenau.....	.01
86.	Rocky Mountain..	8.50	156.	Hythe.....	4.55
90.	Norwood.....	5.25	157.	Sharon.....	1.00
91.	Patricia.....	4.85	Masonic District No. 13.		95.00
93.	Symbol.....	.10			
94.	Lamont.....	.75			
98.	Hand Hill.....	5.70			
101.	West Edmonton..	2.00			
					<u>\$375.89</u>

CREDIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1945

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
20.	Carstairs.....	\$.34	124.	Concord.....	.50
22.	Corinthian.....	.50	127.	Granite.....	1.59
27.	Apollo.....	.80	132.	Craigmyle.....	5.00
41.	King Solomon....	1.00	136.	Cresset.....	.50
42.	Bowden.....	.15	137.	Irricana.....	3.00
53.	Strathmore.....	5.00	143.	Jasper Park.....	5.55
57.	Grassy Lake	2.30	147.	Northland.....	.80
61.	Provost.....	.65	149.	Rosebud.....	19.20
63.	Empire.....	.55	153.	Whitecourt.....	9.75
65.	Diamond City....	3.00	155.	Earl Haig.....	72.41
76.	Fidelity.....	.10	158.	Berry Creek.....	.80
81.	Commercial.....	6.75	159.	Lucerne.....	14.04
83.	Zetland.....	2.00	160.	Sexsmith.....	1.10
87.	Crescent.....	.65	U.D. Empress.....		.55
100.	Verdigris.....	5.45	Masonic District No. 5..		.60
105.	Grande Prairie....	.45	Masonic District No. 11.		.10
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	1.34	Masonic District No. 12.		1.50
112.	Victory.....	35.79	Masonic District No. 14.		1.25
116.	Spirit River.....	11.55	Masonic District No. 15.		3.00
117.	Dominion.....	3.90			
121.	Clive.....	16.00			
123.	Rockyford.....	3.70			
					<u>\$243.21</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

12th May, 1945.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have audited the books of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended 30th April, 1945, and now submit the following statements:

STATEMENT I - Balance Sheet at 30th April, 1945.

STATEMENT II - Revenue Account for the year ended 30th April, 1945.

STATEMENT III - Benevolent Fund Capital Account and Relief Fund Surplus Account for the year ended 30th April, 1945.

STATEMENT IV - Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund for the year ended 30th April, 1945.

STATEMENT V - Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th April, 1945 -

Benevolent Fund

Relief Fund

Masonic School and Home Fund.

STATEMENT VI - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Masonic War Distress Fund for the year ended 30th April, 1945.

SCHEDULE I—List of Securities held at 30th April, 1945, Benevolent Fund Investment Account, Relief Fund Investment Account, Masonic School and Home Fund, Masonic War Distress Fund, General Fund Reserve.

I have verified the Bank Accounts by certificate from Managers of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Montreal in Calgary.

In company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I attended at The Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds, Masonic School and Home Fund, Masonic War Distress Fund and General Fund Reserve and have found the same to be in Order.

The Revenue Account shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year under review of \$2,932.27, after making due provision for depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures and Regalia.

I further report that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of Grand Lodge at 30th April, 1945, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. HOWARD,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet at 30th April, 1945

Statement I

ASSETS

General Fund:

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 1,101.31
Dominion Government Bonds	\$ 9,000.00
Add Interest Accrued	122.50
Balances due from Lodges	9,122.50
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand	375.89
Printing & Office Supplies on hand	2,175.16
Furniture and Fixtures	506.58
Regalia	935.10
	645.55
	\$ 14,862.09

Benevolent Fund:

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 593.51
Investments in Bonds at cost (par value	
\$205,500.00)—(per Schedule I)	190,530.27
	191,123.78

Relief Fund:

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 6,331.44
Investments in Bonds at cost (per Sched. I)	19,953.75
Accrued Interest	2,125.64
General Fund—advance	1,000.00
	29,410.83

Masonic War Distress Fund:

Balance at Bank of Montreal	\$ 1,070.40
Investment in Bonds	21,500.00
	22,570.40

Masonic Home and School Fund:

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	10.50
Dominion Government Bond	100.00
	110.50

\$258,077.60

Calgary, 12th May, 1945.

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in my report of this date, attached hereto,—H. E. HOWARD, C.A., Auditor,

LIABILITIES

General Fund:

Balances due Lodges	\$ 243.21
Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships	96.89
Relief Fund—advance	1,000.00
Surplus Account:	
Balance at 1st May, 1944	\$11,589.72
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure for	
year to date, per Statement II	1,932.27
	13,521.99
	14,862.09

Benevolent Fund:

Capital Account (per Statement III) ..	191,123.78
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Relief Fund:

Surplus Account (per Statement III)	29,410.83
Masonic War Distress Fund:	
Amount available	22,570.40

Masonic Home and School Fund:

Legacy from the Estate of the late	
W. Bro. Jas. Winn	110.50

\$258,077.60

Statement II

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th April, 1945

Budget		Revenue	
\$ 8,100.00	Membership Fees.....	\$ 8,369.60	
800.00	Initiation Fees.....	1,460.00	
800.00	Certificate Fees....	1,489.00	
100.00	Dispensations..	177.00	
150.00	Affiliation Fees.	193.00	
\$ 9,950.00		\$11,688.60	
	Life Membership Fees.....	40.66	
	Interest on Bonds.....	210.00	
	Sundries.....	4.25	
	Supplies Sold.....	\$1,745.15	
	Regalia Sold.....	475.32	
	"Bulletins" Sold..	575.80	
			2,796.27
		\$14,739.78	
	Cost of Supplies Sold.....	\$1,407.98	
	Cost of Regalia Sold.....	456.12	
	Cost of "Bulletins"	457.73	
			2,321.83
\$ 9,950.00		\$12,417.95	
Expenditure			
OFFICE EXPENSES:			
\$ 4,800.00	Salaries.....	\$4,831.43	
1,140.00	Rent and Light.....	1,140.00	
225.00	Telephone and Telegrams.....	179.36	
500.00	Postage and Express.....	455.98	
100.00	Office Supplies.....	223.09	
65.00	Exchange.....	60.75	
100.00	General Expense.....	54.90	
	Unemployment Insurance.....	17.96	
	Repair Regalia—Cases.....	77.00	
	Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....	20.00	
	Flowers.....	33.82	
			\$ 7,094.29
\$ 6,930.00			
PRINTING, Etc.—			
\$ 1,500.00	Printing.....	\$1,090.37	
25.00	Insurance.....	4.03	
260.00	Research and "Bulletins".....	4.25	
			1,098.65
1,200.00	Grand Lodge Regalia Replacements.....		
TRAVELLING EXPENSES:			
900.00	Grand Master.....	\$ 600.00	
500.00	Grand Officers.....	570.52	
			1,170.52
\$11,315.00	Carried Forward.....	\$ 9,363.46	

Statement II—Continued

Budget		Revenue	
<u>\$ 9,950.00</u>		Brought Forward.....	<u>\$12,417.95</u>
Expenditure			
\$11,315.00		Brought Forward.....	\$ 9,363.46
		GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:	
450.00		Annual Communication.....	\$ 527.30
225.00		Presentation Regalia.....	202.25
125.00		Western Conference.....	216.92
			<u>946.47</u>
			<u>\$10,309.93</u>
		DEPRECIATION:	
		Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 104.00
		Regalia.....	71.75
			<u>175.75</u>
<u>\$12,115.00</u>			<u>\$10,485.68</u>
1,000.00		Budget for allowance from Relief Fund....	
<u>\$11,115.00</u>			<u>\$10,485.68</u>
		Excess of Income over Expenditure, carried	
		to Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	1,932.27
1,165.00		Budget excess of Expense over Income	
<u>\$ 9,950.00</u>			<u>\$12,417.95</u>

Statement III**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

For the year ended 30th April, 1945.

By Balance at May 1st, 1944.....	\$190,914.76	
Affiliation Fees.....	204.00	
Interest on Savings.....	5.02	
To Balance, carried to Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	\$191,123.78	
	<u>\$191,123.78</u>	<u>\$191,123.78</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 30th April, 1945.

By Balance at 1st May, 1944....	\$ 22,771.75	
Interest on Bonds—net	6,913.74	
United States Premiums less Tax deductions..	118.12	
Membership Fees.....	5,231.00	
Interest on Savings.....	39.97	
Refunds of Advances and Grants	378.70	
To Payments to Beneficiaries	\$ 6,042.45	
Balance, carried to Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	29,410.83	
	<u>\$ 35,453.28</u>	<u>\$ 35,453.28</u>

Statement IV

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th April, 1945.

RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1944.	
Cash on hand 1st May, 1944.	35
Receipts from Lodges	20,018.98
Transfer from Relief Fund—advance	1,000.00
Refund re War Service Committee	60.80
Interest on Bonds	87.50
Refund of Telephone Tolls	2.25
	\$29,442.53

GENERAL FUND

Salaries	\$4,831.43
Printing	1,174.25
Rent and Light	1,140.00
Postage and Express	455.98
Office Supplies	167.81
Telephone and Telegrams	181.61
Insurance	4.03
Exchange	60.75
General Expense	54.90
Unemployment Insurance	17.96
Safety Deposit Box	20.00
Repair Regalia—Cases	77.00
Flowers	33.82
Library	4.25
	\$8,223.79

Travelling Expenses:

Grand Master	\$ 600.00
Grand Officers	570.52
	1,170.52

Grand Lodge Expenses:

Annual Communication, Edmonton	527.30
Presentation Regalia	202.25
Western Conf.—Grand Lodge Officers	216.92
	946.47

Regalia for Resale

Books and Stationery for Resale	\$ 379.12
"Bulletin" Expense	2,667.79
	457.73

Transfers: Relief Fund

Benevolent Fund	\$5,231.00
	204.00

Expense re War Service Committee (refunded)

Investment—Dominion of Canada Bonds	5,435.00
	60.80

	9,000.00
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	\$28,341.22

Balance at Bank 30th April, 1945

	1,101.31
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	\$29,442.53

Statement V**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.****STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For the Year ended 30th April, 1945

BENEVOLENT FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1944	\$ 384.49
Affiliation Fees	204.00
Interest on Savings	5.02
	\$ 593.51

Disbursements

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1945	\$ 593.51
	\$ 593.51

RELIEF FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1944	\$ 696.42
Interest on Bonds -net.....	6,913.74
United States Premium—less Tax deductions.....	118.12
Interest on Savings Account.....	39.97
Receipts from Lodges on account of Beneficiaries.....	378.70
Membership Fees (per capita).....	5,231.00
	\$13,377.95

Disbursements

Cheques issued to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 6,042.45
Grand Lodge of Canada—refund.....	4.06
Advance to General Fund.....	1,000.00
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1945.....	6,331.44
	\$13,377.95

MASONIC SCHOOL AND HOME FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1944.....	\$ 7.50
Interest on Bond.....	3.00
	\$ 10.50

Disbursements

Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1945.....	\$ 10.50
	\$ 10.50

Statement VI**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.****MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended
30th April, 1945

Receipts

Balance at Bank, 1st May, 1944.....	\$ 7,933.88
Cash on hand, 1st May, 1944.....	56.00
From Lodges.....	9,186.78
Interest on Bonds.....	490.00
	\$17,666.66

Disbursements

Grand Lodge of England.....	\$ 5,000.00
Purchase of Dominion of Canada Bonds.....	11,500.00
Bank Charges on Collections.....	15.46
War Service Committee—Expense.....	80.80
Balance at Bank, 30th April, 1945.....	1,070.40
	\$17,666.66

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M. **Schedule I**
List of Securities held at 30th April 1945
BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Annual Interest</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
March 15 (Perpetual)	3 %	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 165.74
June 15, 1951	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	6.62
November 1, 1958	4½ %	5,000.00	5,000.00	225.00	112.50
November 1, 1959	4½ %	5,000.00	5,000.00	225.00	112.50
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
		\$ 44,500.00	\$ 43,265.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 547.36
Province of Alberta:					
January 1, 1948	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 82.19
October 15, 1954	4½ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	292.50	36.86
October 1, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	112.50	18.80
October 1, 1958	4½ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	45.00	7.52
May 1, 1960	4½ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	112.50	56.25
June 1, 1967	4½ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	540.00	224.88
May 1, 1960	4½ %	500.00	480.00	11.25	5.62
September 1, 1955	5 %	61,500.00	59,100.75	1,537.50	256.95
		\$ 121,000.00	\$ 115,923.05	\$ 2,901.25	\$ 689.07
City of Calgary:					
January 1, 1962	4½ %	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,342.22	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 596.71
TOTAL.....		\$ 205,500.00	\$ 190,530.27		

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:					
March 1, 1954	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00
June 15, 1951	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	33.75
November 1, 1958	4½ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	56.25
November 1, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	112.50
November 1, 1956	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
		\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,953.75	\$ 667.50	\$ 272.50
City of Calgary:					
January 1, 1962	5 %	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00
TOTAL.....		\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,953.75	\$ 6,913.75	\$ 2,125.64

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Dominion of Canada:					
June 15, 1951	3 %	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00	

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

Dominion of Canada:					
January 1, 1959	3 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 300.00	
June 1, 1960	3 %	8,000.00	8,000.00	240.00	
February 1, 1962	3 %	3,500.00	3,500.00	105.00	
		\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 645.00	

GENERAL FUND RESERVE

Dominion of Canada:					
June 1, 1960	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 62.50
February 1, 1962	3 %	4,000.00	4,000.00	120.00	60.00
		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 122.50

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23): "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received, and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith my Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

Receipt of copies of the Proceedings from Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal communication is hereby acknowledged. These have been sent to Reviewers, and where two copies have been received, one has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

The following Volumes have been purchased during the year:

"Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism"—by H. L. Hayward.

"That Which Was Lost"—by Sanderson.

Twelve sets of the British Masonic Miscellany have been supplied to lodges and brethren. For the information of the brethren, the British Masonic Miscellany consists of twenty small volumes, and can be supplied at a very modest price. Each volume consists of from six to eight chapters, each chapter dealing with a different Masonic subject by Masonic writers of world renown. They come in pocket size and are heartily recommended as furnishing a wealth of Masonic lore, eminently suitable for Lodge Officers and Libraries.

Several volumes dealing with specific subjects have been loaned during the year to brethren on application.

May I again appeal to those brethren in possession of Grand Lodge books, to return same as soon as possible.

One set of Mackey's History, in seven volumes, has been donated to Grand Lodge by Mrs. Gray, for which we are grateful. The following books from Sister Jurisdictions have also been received:

"History of Freemasonry in Tennessee"—by Charles Albert Snodgras.

"The First One Hundred Years"—Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

"The Centennial Celebration, 1944"—Grand Lodge of Iowa.

"Masonic Code"—Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"Report on Freemasonry in Mexico"—Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

These, and many other brochures and pamphlets, are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Small sets of books of the Travelling Library series are available to Lodges, and can be loaned to Lodges on application. I shall at all times be glad to receive correspondence on this matter.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (11): "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 12th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 15th, 1944, in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, a full quorum of members being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the Chair. The Officers and Chairmen of the several Committees were unanimously elected, and the personnel of the Committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to name in accordance with the Constitution. The Board then adjourned to meet in the City of Calgary on Tuesday, June 12th, 1945.

The Board duly assembled on Tuesday, June 12th, 1945, when the several Reports of the Committees of the Board were considered, and will be presented to you for your approval at this Communication

Two cases of Unmasonic conduct were referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and expulsion recommended by the respective Lodges was concurred in by the Board.

The matter of the Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund came up for consideration, and after a lengthy discussion, IT WAS MOVED by R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, that the Board of General Purposes recommend to Grand Lodge that the War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund be dispensed as and when the need arises as an emergency fund, by the Grand Master, with the approval and concurrence of the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge. CARRIED.

In this connection IT WAS MOVED by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, seconded by R. W. Bro. Harry Ford, that we recommend to the Grand Master, that this Grand Lodge send a token donation of \$500.00 to the Grand Lodge of California, towards the rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, after devastation by the Japanese. CARRIED.

Other matters dealing with Physical Defects of Applicants for Initiation were discussed at considerable length, and recommendations will be made to this Annual Communication. Also the matter of the length of Overseas Service qualifying for Constitutional Residence Qualification.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS,

President.

Grand Master:

"If anybody has anything to bring before the Grand Lodge, now is the time to do so."

Nothing being presented, it was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams (105), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124): "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

As with other benevolent organizations, the false prosperity of war years has reduced the calls upon your Board, but a review of the rise and fall in claims over the past 25 years, shows how closely these are allied with everchanging world conditions and events. With the cessation of hostilities, and the return of our gallant brethren from overseas, the index shows that we can anticipate a sharp upcurve in the number of cases to be considered. For instance, the question of dependents who have been living solely on dependent allowances of men overseas, is one that will have to be considered carefully, if our returned men are to derive full advantage from their rehabilitation opportunities, and assume a normal family life of their own. Social services may do much, but the situation is so vast that there will undoubtedly be gaps to bridge and delays to overcome. Fortunately, our reserves at the present time seem ample for all ordinary purposes.

Thirteen new cases were considered this year, and were taken care of, either by grants or allowances. Four grants were discontinued and two reduced owing to improved circumstances. Two of our beneficiaries died. Total payments for the year amounted to \$6,046.61, of which \$378.70 was paid on behalf of constituent lodges, making a net contribution of \$5,567.81.

One of our saddest cases was concluded during the year. It concerned a brother with a wife and family of two children. This brother died, and owing to expenses of sickness, left his family in straightened circumstances. A few months later, the older of the children was also

taken by death. Finally the widow herself was attacked by a malignant disease, and after two or three years of hope and encouragement, she, too, passed away, leaving a boy of 11 years alone. Throughout, the lodge—small in numbers, but great in Masonic benevolence—assumed its full responsibilities by contributions from its individual members, and the lodge, in conjunction with this Board, is keeping a watchful eye on the boy, and everything will be done to give him every chance for a normal success in life.

New legislation permitted us to re-instate the reductions we were compelled to make last year in grants to Old Age Pensioners, but the brethren are reminded that there is still a limit to the amount a pensioner may receive or earn. Over-payments are deducted from the pension, and cause embarrassment to the pensioner. When a wife or dependent is involved, the case should be looked after separately.

Our beneficiaries at distant points have again been well taken care of by our brethren in other Jurisdictions from coast to coast in Canada, and also in Great Britain. Our heartfelt thanks again go out to these brethren for this timely assistance, which we cannot repay.

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell has left us for the Pacific Coast, where we hope the climate may assist in bringing a complete recovery. In consideration of his outstanding service, which we hope he may soon be able to continue, your Board recommends that he be made an Honorary Member of the Board of Benevolence.

Finally we express thanks to the various lodges for their sympathetic co-operation, and also to the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore, for his untiring and patient efforts on behalf of the Board.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. TRUESDALE,

President.

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1944, to April 30th, 1945

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$ 120.00	Bro. A. S. H.	\$ 35.00
Mrs. W. A.	180.00	Mrs. A. L.	268.87
Mrs. T. W. B.	125.00	Mrs. N. M.	65.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Mrs. G. B. M.	180.00
Bro. J. B.	30.00	Bro. W. B. M.	20.00
Bro. W. F. W. C.	60.00	Mrs. D. McI.	55.00
Mrs. C.	144.00	Bro. A. P. McN.	60.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	189.08	Bro. C. N.	76.50
Mrs. E. C. D.	180.00	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. M. D.	120.00	Bro. R. E. N.	225.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	110.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	467.02
Mrs. W. D.	55.00	Mrs. H. J. R.	110.00
Mrs. E. D.	60.00	Mrs. S. S.	180.00
Mrs. J. D.	110.00	Mrs. C. S.	210.00
Mrs. W. E.	55.00	Bro. A. G. S.	180.00

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. F.	130.00	Miss M. S.	190.00
Bro. W. F.	90.00	Bro. C. O. S.	180.00
Bro. P. F.	72.00	Mrs. M. S.	70.00
Mrs. J. F.	55.00	Bro. J. S.	80.00
Mrs. M. M. F.	110.00	Bro. R. W. S.	25.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	95.00	Mrs. H. S.	40.00
Mrs. J. G.	110.00	Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Mrs. R. G.	60.00	Bro. R. A. W.	30.00
Bro. W. G. G.	120.00	Mrs. W. W.	90.00
Bro. H. B. H.	229.98	Bro. W. W.	45.00
		Sundry Grants.	40.00
Total Grants.			\$6,042.45
Less Contributions and Refunds from Lodges for their			
Beneficiaries.			378.70
Total Grants by Grand Lodge.			\$5,663.75

Grand Master:

"This is one of the very important Reports of this Grand Lodge. This Board is doing wonderful work. If you have any questions to ask, now is the proper time."

No questions arising, it was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134): "That the Report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON MASONIC WAR DISTRESS AND REHABILITATION FUND

Calgary, June 7th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Most Worshipful Brother Bradley appointed, in the year 1944, two committees on Rehabilitation, one in Edmonton under the chairmanship of R. W. Bro. R. W. Mackenzie, assisted by W. Bro. W. Scott and V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield; and one in Calgary, V. W. Bro. George W. Bureau, chairman, W. Bro. Sidney Bird and R. W. Bro. Fred Parker.

The Calgary committee is pleased to report as follows:

Several meetings were held and the whole situation was fully discussed. A survey was then made concerning the efforts of the Dominion Government as related to ex-service men and after a further discussion, you yourself being in attendance, it was decided to set up a card index system, the information to be obtained from the questionnaires which had been sent out to the lodges all over the Province.

These cards recorded in detail every brother who had enlisted for service and also every son or daughter of a brother who had enlisted. These cards were completed mainly through the kind co-operation of M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary. They were then divided into two parts and those cards dealing with the lodges in the northern half of the Province were sent up to the Edmonton Committee and the cards dealing with enlistments from the southern half of the Province were retained by the Calgary Committee. A duplicate copy of the cards in the northern district is being held at the office of the Grand Secretary in Calgary, in order that a complete record is available to the Grand Secretary.

It is hoped that the secretaries of the various lodges throughout the Province will submit from time to time either to the Committee Chairman or the Grand Secretary the movements of each of these persons recorded, in order that we may know of just what has happened in each case. The information should include the date of departure for overseas, transfer to another unit, the date upon which the person may have become a casualty either fatally or otherwise, the date when the person returns to Canada and the date of discharge, when available.

Subsequent discussion of the situation revealed the fact that any effort on the part of Masonry would have to be correlated closely with the Federal Government scheme for rehabilitation, which in itself is very broad and practically takes care of almost any circumstances that might obtain in any particular case. It was therefore both inadvisable and almost impossible to institute a plan of a definite nature that could be put into operation to assist in rehabilitation work, for in almost any and every instance overlapping with the Federal Government scheme would have occurred and there is a danger of interfering with the work of the Government if any steps of a separate or individual character were taken. It was therefore felt for the present that the best Masonry could do in the best interest of those with whom we are dealing, is to suggest that all cases in which rehabilitation is not being effected easily or immediately be referred to the local committee either in Edmonton or in Calgary, who would be prepared to act as a sponsor of the case with the Department of Veterans Affairs in an effort to bring about a satisfactory adjustment. It might even be advisable in certain instances to bear the cost of bringing the person concerned either into Calgary or Edmonton for the purpose of a full and complete interview. This would seem to be the only point at which we may be required to expend any money at the present time. Other situations may develop at a later date which would enable the committees to enlarge their field of endeavor.

In studying this problem, it is noted that the Federal Government has organized throughout the Province at every centre possible Citizens Committees on Rehabilitation. These committees act in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs concerning all matters of rehabilitation for ex-service personnel and it is most desirable that such committees be fully representative of the community in which they are formed. It might be here noted that Masonry is not only well represented on these committees but have in a great number of instances assumed the leading role in this work.

It is therefore recommended by the committee on Rehabilitation that in every instance where a Citizens Committee is formed that the

Masons in the community take an active part in the work of the Citizens Committee, for as such committees correlate their effort with the Department of Veterans Affairs and are directed to a great extent by that Department, overlapping and unnecessary work is avoided.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that a big job by the civil population of Canada is at hand. The Rehabilitation Plan of the Federal Government can only be successful if we, as individuals, support it to the utmost and much useful information is available to Citizens Committees which serve as an adequate guide in the work. The War for the ex-service personnel as far as Europe is concerned is over, but the effort of those of us who remained at home is just commencing. Your committee therefore respectfully solicits the co-operation of the secretaries of all lodges in the matter of providing information to the two Alberta Committees in order that they may accurately refer all the potential cases that we may have to deal with to the proper agency and furthermore, suggests that Masons wherever they may be, co-operate fully with the local Citizens Committee. Formation of these committees is assisted in every way by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the functioning of the Committee after formation is likewise guided by the same Department.

The small effort required by each individual to assist in this work will be productive of a co-operative movement which will be capable of rendering the fullest assistance to those who have so willingly co-operated one with the other in the defence of us and our country.

The above is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. BUREAU.
T. PARKER.
S. BIRD.

10944-89th Avenue,
Edmonton, June 8th, 1945.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Rehabilitation Committee for Northern Alberta Section, centred in Edmonton, beg to submit the following Report:

We are grateful to the Southern Alberta Section for their activities so far in holding several meetings for preliminary organization purposes and with the acquiescence and guidance of the Grand Master—settling on Administrative Plans to which we are wholly in agreement.

The Card Index of every brother, son and daughter who had enlisted for War Service from the Northern Section, compiled we understand by, and from the records of the Grand Secretary, is in our hands complete, giving names, addresses, dates and other necessary details.

A copy of the Report to this Grand Lodge by the Southern Section Rehabilitation Committee, centred in Calgary, has been received by us, and its substance, covering the whole situation in every aspect, as seen by the Northern Section Committee, may be looked upon as applying equally to the latter. Particularly we endorse the appeal to

all Secretaries of Lodges throughout the Province that they submit from time to time information as to changes of Addresses of the persons recorded, with information as to dates of departure, transfer, casualty, discharge and return—all as becoming available. Such information should if possible be detailed in duplicate and forwarded either to the Committee Chairman (Southern or Northern) or the Grand Secretary.

During March of this year, V. W. Bro. R. B. MacKenzie, Chairman of the Northern Section, was asked by the Grand Lodge Finance Committee to accompany M. W. Bro. John Martland, and inspect the Military Physio-Therapy Section of the New Extension to the University Hospital. It had been suggested that the Freemasons of Alberta might undertake to install the Fluorescent Lighting in these quarters at an estimated cost of \$2,300.00. Bros. Martland and MacKenzie were to advise the Finance Committee if they deemed the undertaking a fit and proper channel for the use of War Distress fund monies.

After due inspection of the quarters, Bro. MacKenzie referred the matter to his fellow-Committee members in discussion. Finally it was decided to report to the Finance Committee as follows:

“ . . . The Hospital addition and what it stands for is a Dominion Government responsibility; no less the provision of and the effective uses of equipment placed therein. We are acquainted with the fact that provision for Lighting and Power outlets are very extensive. As to whether the Lighting fixtures decided upon by the Federal Government are eventually to be Fluorescent or Incandescent, we do not know. But we feel that it should be up to the Government to provide the BEST in the first place. If effectiveness of Lighting System is subsequently proved lacking, then it is still up to the Government to change their adopted type to the latest and best type available. . . . After our boys and girls have had their release from Government Hospital care then comes our obligation as Masons to put our available War Distress Funds into use for Rehabilitation purposes. . . . ”

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. MacKENZIE,
Chairman.

V. W. Bro. FRED WHITFIELD } *Committee*
V. W. Bro. W. G. SCOTT } *Members.*

Resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124): “That the Reports of the Advisory Committees on Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund be received and adopted.”

Grand Master:

“Brethren, these are very important reports. It shows you that these Committees have not been idle during the past year. They bring you up-to-date on the situation, and I am going to ask that when you receive your copies of the Annual Proceedings, the Master of the Lodge will see that these Reports are read in Open Lodge and that they are studied, so that you will know something of what your Grand Lodge is trying to do to assist in this great work.

“Before proceeding, I am going to ask M. W. Bro. Dr. Pilkey, to say something at this time.”

ADDRESS

By M. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Needless to say, I am very happy to be here among you again. Two years have passed since I visited you last, and we have not yet reached tomorrow. I want, in the first place, to express to you, M. W. Grand Master, apologies for my travelling companion, R. W. Bro. Russell. He is an old man, and he finds that his strength is limited, and as I have charge of him, and have promised to take care of him, I put him to bed. In his state, I think that is where he ought to be. He hopes to be with us tonight.

I want to thank you for the cordiality of your reception. It has been so warm and hearty that I have to pinch myself to realize that I am a member of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, although, I believe, I am a member of this Grand Lodge.

May I express my appreciation of the reports you are hearing, and particularly the report we have just heard. I am very much interested in the return of the men from overseas. Every man I have in my family is in this fight — my own two boys and my two sons-in-law. I tried to get in myself, but they told me I was an old crock. I do not believe that for a minute, but you know a Government is a Government. However, we all have a real task before us when our splendid men come home, no one will be too old to have his full share.

I think we use the wrong word. I do not think it is Rehabilitation that we ought to be concerned with. I prefer to use the word "Reconstruction", because a programme of Rehabilitation is possible only after reconstruction. You cannot do anything with a man in rehabilitation until you reconstruct him. I think these fellows need reconstructing. I have a boy, 21, in the Navy, and he is home on leave now, and I know he needs reconstructing. My boy is no better and no worse than any other boy. He believes one or two in the morning is the proper time to come home. The first thing you have to do is reconstruct these fellows, and get them to settle down from a life of action and excitement to peaceful pursuits. The moral and spiritual qualities of these men have to be brought back. That is the starting point then. The work begins in themselves.

Lloyd George said, at the close of the last war, that we found ourselves at the foot of the Falls, amid the broken waters that have come over the Falls. That may be just a symbol, and, I think, a pretty good symbol of what we are going to find at the close of this war. You look out upon the world, and this war that has been going on for six years has certainly broken up the waters. It will be our responsibility to gather up these broken waters that have come over the Falls, and bring back into the lives of individuals, and into the lives of our whole citizenship, the moral and spiritual light that we have lost. We have never witnessed the like within our lifetime, and I do not think there is any record of human history that will adequately put before us the destruction throughout the whole world — the museums, the great libraries, the productions of art and property that have just been wiped out as if they were of no value at all. More than that, this war has destroyed many

of those moral and spiritual qualities in our own people in Canada, and in every country in the world.

Horrible things have happened in this war. Awful stories of human depravity are reaching us every day, and many more will be recounted in the years ahead. Buchanwold is only one of many, and all of them add up to one irrefutable fact that we must face—something has gone out of humanity that has got to be put back. I would like to leave this with you to think it through. Lloyd George said we find ourselves in the broken waters that came over the Falls, and as I look out on life I see many broken waters.

Life is a triangle—an equilateral triangle with an apex and a base, and here we are with a double relationship. First of all, we are related to the G.A.O.T.U. at the apex of the triangle. Life is also horizontal, because it reaches out to all our fellow men, and, if I may say so, I believe that is the true picture where Masonry fits in—vertical to the G.A.O.T.U.—the source of all good, the strength of our life and the inspiration of it—and horizontal to our fellow man. In the days of peace we have to make the triangle, and great things are demanded of us in the days that are ahead of us. We rejoice in the Victory in Europe. We are confident of the complete overthrow of the Nazis, and Japan will follow. The important thing now is to go into the days of peace and rebuild this world according to the principles I have suggested—vertical to the G.A.O.T.U., but also horizontal to our fellow man—and I believe Masonry has the philosophy to do it. If we apply ourselves, and build according to that plan, we will meet the new world tomorrow.

Grand Master:

“Thank you for that very wonderful speech. We certainly appreciate it very much.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Regular meetings have been held during the year by this Committee, and all matters pertaining to the business affairs of Grand Lodge were given careful consideration. The meetings were well attended.

Since we last met the clouds of war have disappeared in Europe to a greater or lesser extent, for which we are all thankful. However, we still have the war in the Far East to contend with.

You will be pleased to note from the various Reports, that the net increase this year has been 664 members. This is a very healthy increase, providing we can hold them.

The balance due from Lodges is still further reduced to a figure

of \$280.89. which also shows that all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction are in good financial condition.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts, and his Report and Financial Statement covering the period is now in your hands.

All securities of the Grand Lodge have been inspected at the bank, and a list of same is included in the Auditor's Statement.

This year we have set up in the General Fund, a Reserve, which is invested in Dominion of Canada Bonds, of \$9,000.00. Another new item showing in the Financial Statement is the figure of \$21,500.00 in the Masonic War Distress Fund, which has not been expended. The Grand Master, under advisement of his Committee, sent \$5,000.00 to the United Grand Lodge of England early this year.

Another item which will be paying a large sum of money into Grand Lodge this year, is the bond settlement of the Province of Alberta. This will amount to something in the neighborhood of \$30,000.00. Your Committee proposes that this money be invested in Dominion of Canada Securities, and placed in the Relief Fund for transfer to the Benevolent Capital Account at a later date.

The contract for printing the 1945 Proceedings has been awarded, as usual, to the Albertan Job Press at a price of \$2.43 per page. They have promised early delivery, insofar as labour and materials permit, and we recommend that 600 copies be printed this year, and a copy mailed to the Master and Secretary of each Lodge.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard, C.A., be re-appointed Auditor for the current year, and that he be paid the sum of \$175.00 for his services.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 for his services at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Budget for 1945-46 is attached hereto, and its adoption is recommended.

Last year we recommended that all Regalia be sent in to Grand Lodge not later than April 1st of each year, but at a further meeting of the Finance Committee, it was recommended that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, when visiting District Meetings, examine Regalia, and make a report on same to the Committee. This they have done, and there was only one Regalia in really bad shape, and a new one has been ordered, and we hope it will be on hand for the Installation at this Grand Lodge Communication.

We also budgeted for \$1,200.00 for new Regalia for Stewards and Deacons, and other Officers of Grand Lodge. This, however, was not expended owing to the fact that war conditions would not permit us to buy what we really wanted, and the Finance Committee decided to leave it in abeyance for a while. However, in view of the fact that much of the Grand Lodge Regalia is in very poor condition, and will have to be replaced when conditions permit, your Committee deem it wise to set up the unexpended sum of \$1,200.00 as a Regalia Reserve Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

BUDGET 1945-46**REVENUE**

	1944-45	Actual	1945-46
Membership Fees.....	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,369.60	\$ 8,500.00
Initiation Fees.....	800.00	1,460.00	1,000.00
Certificate Fees.....	800.00	1,489.00	1,000.00
Dispensations.....	100.00	177.00	100.00
Affiliation Fees.....	150.00	193.00	150.00
Allowance from Relief Fund.....	1,000.00		
	<u>\$10,950.00</u>	<u>\$11,688.60</u>	<u>\$10,750.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries.....	\$ 4,800.00
Rent.....	1,140.00
Telephones and Telegrams.....	225.00
Postage and Express.....	500.00
Office Supplies.....	200.00
Exchange.....	65.00
Printing.....	1,500.00
Insurance.....	25.00
Research and Education and "Bulletin".....	260.00
Grand Master's Expense.....	900.00
Grand Officers' Expense.....	700.00
Annual Communication, Calgary.....	450.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	200.00
Presentation Regalia.....	225.00
Conference, Western Grand Lodges.....	225.00
	<u>\$11,415.00</u>

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by V. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83): "That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

**Including a Report on the Conference of the Four Western Jurisdictions
Held in Banff, September, 1944.**

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We present herewith a report upon the Condition of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction, based upon the reports submitted by your Deputies of the Seventeen Districts comprising our Grand Lodge.

It can scarcely be possible that a more satisfactory condition has ever existed in this Masonic Province. Every District has expanded its membership; attendances have attained a higher average; the financial position of each lodge is excellent, and the activities of the brethren most praiseworthy, and all this has been achieved in the face of anxieties and burdens borne, uncomplainingly, by many of the brethren, among whom few exist who have not suffered in some way from the horrors of war.

It is a matter for rejoicing that the European theatre has been released from the terror of destruction and slaughter, and those lodges looking to peace-time accretions of new members, soon may realize the wish of their hearts.

The newly instituted Lodge at Empress has enjoyed a pleasant and prosperous probationary period, and appears justly to have earned the distinction of being **NUMBERED** among us. To this end arrangements are afoot to constitute this lodge on Friday, June 15th, 1945.

Emerging from the reports is a phase of activity wholly to be applauded, an enhanced recognition of civic responsibility. We learn of brethren interesting themselves in the institution of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Community Halls and Children's Playgrounds, not in their capacity as Freemasons per se, but acting in obedience to the injunction **TO BE EXEMPLARY IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR CIVIC DUTIES.**

The increase in Membership of 664 constitutes a record for any one year, a circumstance common to Jurisdictions world-wide, wherever our Order has escaped the tyrannical subjugation of despotism. The quality of our Neophytes, too, appears to be such as is desirable, and one District remarks upon the seriousness with which Initiates of "foreign" extraction "embrace our Order and reflect the very excellent tenets which they are at great pains to absorb."

Records were invariably found to be in perfect order, with the exception of that hardy-annual, the Historical Register. It may be desirable that the Worshipful Master be required himself to be personally responsible for writing up the history of his own year of office, and to hand this to his successor on the occasion of Installation; and in the case of years that are bereft, Committees to be appointed to extract from the Minute Book such features as rightly may be termed historical, for embodiment in the Historical Record. On these Committees it would be expedient to include members contemporaneous with the years under scrutiny, where such exist.

Degree work was exemplified before both the M. W. the Grand Master and the District Deputies, and while the necessity exists for a greater measure of uniformity, particularly in important parts of the Ritual, e.g. the Ob., the Work was generally observed to have been performed with dignity and precision, faultlessly and impressively.

It becomes increasingly desirable that District Meetings should be held as soon after Grand Lodge as is possible, save, perhaps, for those Districts holding their meetings in the cities. A winter such as **that** now happily fading from remembrance, imposes too great a strain upon visiting, fraternal and official. One Deputy did not reach his home after a meeting until 4:45 a.m. and many brethren were precluded

from attendance by stress of weather and drifted roads. Meetings, too, should be called early enough to ensure all brethren so desiring, reaching their homes the same day they leave them.

It is with some pride that your Committee reports the general practice throughout the Jurisdiction of extending the warmest possible welcome to members of the Armed Forces of the Allies; of sending parcels and letters to sons and daughters of members serving the Crown, and of the endeavor which never failed of purpose, of keeping absent ones closely in touch, with cheering news from home.

From the Reports of the finances of some of the lodges, it might appear they may not have been carrying sufficient insurance against loss, and on this point Deputies might more closely seek to assure themselves. A greater uniformity of listing of assets may help to this.

Tributes were lavishly and most deservedly paid to the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Ireland, and to the M. W. the Grand Secretary, Bro. Moore, whose helpful instruction proved so gratifying. To other Grand Lodge Officers also, the thanks of the Deputies occur in their Reports with pleasing unanimity. And the thanks of us all are due to those brethren who so willingly saved their gasoline coupons in order that they might be useful in transporting brethren to distant points of meeting. To those who dispensed adjectival hospitality, as doth appear in the Reports, your Committee would desire to tender grateful thanks.

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is a very arduous one. For the love of the Craft these men take over the duties of office, and visit the lodges in their district at their own expense, and subjected, at times, to adverse weather and road conditions, and carry out their duties year after year in a manner that is highly commendable. Perhaps this year, in particular, has been one in which the District Deputy Grand Masters attended to their duties in a most efficient manner, resulting in great benefit to the Craft. Your Committee, therefore, has much pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following brethren:

District No. 1	R. W. Bro. A. C. Archibald (23)
District No. 2	R. W. Bro. H. J. Hargrave (133)
District No. 3	R. W. Bro. John B. Snape (143)
District No. 4	R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell (29)
District No. 5	R. W. Bro. William Smith Jr. (128)
District No. 6	R. W. Bro. William Fisher (22)
District No. 7	R. W. Bro. Herbert A. Walter (58)
District No. 8	R. W. Bro. Joseph Emmerson (30)
District No. 9	R. W. Bro. Alex. S. Bissett (45)
District No. 10	R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Jewell (154)
District No. 11	R. W. Bro. Stanley E. Craig (49)
District No. 12	R. W. Bro. Leonard C. Stevens (14)
District No. 13	R. W. Bro. Carl B. Anderson (156)
District No. 14	R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar (115)
District No. 15	R. W. Bro. Arthur A. Kidd (66)
District No. 16	R. W. Bro. C. P. Dahl (152)
District No. 17	R. W. Bro. H. W. Lovell (46)

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Statistical Report on the Condition of Masonry

Dist.	Liquid Assets Cash and Bonds	Liabili- ties	Total Assets over Liabilities	Own Hall	Total of Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Insurance in Force
1	\$ 48,641.29	\$16,686.82	\$154,996.86	10	\$ 3,475.04	\$ 3,195.04	\$ 52,882.50
2	16,086.84	1,057.31	30,537.33	4	620.50	664.62	18,300.00
3	64,174.18	7,752.38	85,090.08	2	1,316.60	1,658.36	24,750.00
4	19,991.31	5,403.78	35,299.26	5	1,621.00	363.55	24,380.00
5	13,013.00	1,165.58	11,844.95	2	788.29	78.00	6,435.00
6	6,637.84	847.03	26,996.48	4	1,000.25	220.00	16,700.00
7	20,180.24	1,045.47	26,928.78	2	773.00	463.00	7,480.00
8	8,344.32	920.85	7,423.47	1	570.50	619.83	10,550.00
9	5,942.67	6,888.25	15,291.86	3	799.00	428.33	11,550.00
10	56,063.07	2,429.06	53,634.01	4	1,385.76	504.65	17,050.00
11	5,134.75	1,403.79	7,851.74	2	595.00	130.12	3,450.00
12	29,096.75	1,299.31	27,797.44	1	1,659.50	960.17	5,300.00
13	10,963.00	1,142.05	21,598.38	5	671.00	360.65	9,825.00
14	4,266.11	491.23	13,117.90	4	524.65	260.61	9,175.00
15	11,428.56	2,345.84	19,779.71	2	574.25	55.00	9,900.00
16	8,215.57	546.90	7,668.67	4	438.50	210.00	13,300.00
17	4,727.48	270.04	17,027.14	4	382.75	306.33	11,715.00
	\$332,906.98	\$51,695.69	\$562,884.06	60	\$17,195.59	\$10,478.27	\$252,742.50

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOUR WESTERN JURISDICTIONS—BANFF, SEPTEMBER, 1944

We believe the Condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Lodge, as indeed in this whole western area, is being influenced now, and will be much more in the years to come, by the deliberations and decisions of the four Western Jurisdictions' Conference.

The Conference has, possibly, been hiding its light under a bushel in the years it has been in existence, but a decision has been reached to broadcast some of the work accomplished, and for that purpose the columns of the *Bulletin* have been enlisted. No doubt those articles which have already appeared have been read and enjoyed by many of the brethren.

The last meeting of the Conference was held in September of 1944, when our Grand Jurisdiction was honoured by the election of our Deputy Grand Master to the office of President.

All four Grand Lodges were well represented, and a special Representative was present as a Delegate from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in the person of R. W. Bro. Geo. P. Ellis. So favorably was our brother from Chicago impressed with the value of the Conference, and so ably did he report to his Grand Lodge concerning our deliberations, the Grand Lodge of Illinois intends to send another delegation again this year, headed by their Most Worshipful Grand Master. We hope to have Bro. Ellis also, and the keenest disappointment will be felt if anything arises to prevent that happy reunion.

It is also expected that other Grand Jurisdictions will send delegates and so, widening the Coasts, we shall also widen the oceans of

knowledge to be tapped, and this worth-while information will be disseminated of the brethren of the North-West, at least, of this great Continent, to the enlargement of Masonic interest and the enlightenment of our Fraternal Order.

It might not be out of place to say that this Conference exists and functions largely by and with your consent and support. Your financial support takes the form of a quite small grant, but your Grand Officers give most ungrudgingly of their time and talents to ensure its success.

I cannot speak too highly of the painstaking labor of the Secretary of the Conference, M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, who, since its inception, has lavished both thought and energy upon every phase of the Conference, and to whom whatever success has been achieved is mostly due.

The rank and file of our Jurisdiction cannot be blamed, if, in the past, they have failed to evince an interest in the Conference. It cannot be denied they have been, in a large measure, uninformed. It is possible there are members in complete ignorance of the existence of the Conference. Now, that is a thing of the past. The doings of the Conference can and will affect our Jurisdiction for the good of Freemasonry in general, as well as our own well-being, and we trust that every brother in future will become interested in the Conference. There must be aspects of the organization upon which a brother may seek to be informed; some obscure detail of ceremonial, ritual or jurisprudence, which, by explanation, can take on a new life; some activity which needs to be stressed or stimulated, and your Representatives at the Conference would welcome, beyond everything, learning from every lodge what are its problems Masonically, and if informed to us will assuredly be debated, ventilated and adjudicated upon, whereby, too, you will come to acknowledge the supreme value of the Conference.

■ If there are any subjects which, individually or collectively, this Board may deem necessary for special treatment or elucidation, please send it in to your Grand Secretary, who will gladly pass it to the Conference Secretary, and, according to its nature, will be dealt with, either by address or debate, in the open Forum of the Conference.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams (105), seconded by M. W. Bro. George Moore (23): "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, including the Report on the Conference of the Four Western Jurisdictions, be received and adopted."

BALLOT CLOSED

At this point the Grand Master declared the Ballot closed, and appointed the following as Scrutineers:

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), *Chairman*
R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)
R. W. Bro. J. Booth (51)
R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28)

R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)
V. W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63)
W. Bro. J. Kavanagh (142)
R. W. Bro. Geo. Ritchie (54)
R. W. Bro. J. A. Hargreaves (9)
W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51)
R. W. Bro. J. Paterson (77)

The Grand Master strictly charged them to keep the results of the Ballot secret, until called upon to make report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence was held in the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, June 12th, 1945.

Present:

M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, *Chairman*
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher
M. W. Bro. Sam Harris.
M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank
M. W. Bro. John Martland
M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.
M. W. Bro. George Moore.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a letter from Cavell Lodge, No. 125, of Delburne, in which they enquired if overseas service would count on the statutory residence qualifications as laid down in Section 189 of the Constitution, and as specified in the Petition for Initiation.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the residence qualifications have been duly complied with being absent on national service. Your Committee are of the opinion, however, that the strictest enquiry should be made by the Committee into the character of all applicants who have been absent from their domicile for varying periods.

Your Committee have also considered the proposal to issue a Dispensation for a Lodge at Yellowknife, N.W.T., and are of the opinion the time is not opportune at present, and that the matter be left in abeyance.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. BRADLEY, P.G.M.,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26): "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Case No. 20.—A brother was tried by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct in accordance with the Constitution and found guilty, the Lodge recommending that the brother be expelled. This case was reviewed by your Committee last year who noted all the requirements of the Constitution had not been complied with. These requirements have now been complied with. Registered notice to show cause why he should not be expelled has been addressed to the brother, and he, not appearing before this session of Grand Lodge, your Committee recommends that this brother be expelled.

Case No. 23.—In this case also a brother was tried by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct in accordance with the Constitution and found guilty, the Lodge recommending that the brother be expelled. This recommendation was concurred in last year by your Committee. Registered Notice to show cause why he should not be expelled has been addressed to the brother, and he, not appearing before this Session of Grand Lodge, your Committee recommends that the recommendation of the Lodge for expulsion be concurred in.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23): "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

Grand Master:

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I hereby declare these two brethren expelled from Freemasonry, and in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the Report of the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee to whom was referred the 40th Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1945, are pleased to report that the work of the Grand Secretary, which for certain reasons was extremely heavy during the past year, has been carried on with courtesy and splendid efficiency.

To get some idea of the increased amount of work handled by the Grand Secretary's office, we need to look at previous reports. We

find that Master Mason certificates issued this year were 642 against 362 the previous year and Life Memberships registered were 88 compared with 37 a year ago, added to which was the preparation and completion of approximately 3500 Case History Cards covering members, sons and daughters of our members in the armed services, all information pertaining to which had to be gathered from the Lodges. This is a most valuable work and will be of great assistance to our officers in future years.

Your committee note with some misgivings that 88 certificates were issued this year for Life Memberships and we express the hope that lodges are making proper provisions for financing the future.

The Grand Secretary reports a net increase in membership of 664, the largest for many years. This is most encouraging, and we know that M. W. Bro. Moore has on many occasions advised that the utmost caution should be observed by character committees.

It is gratifying to know that our Grand Secretary was able to accompany you, M. W. Sir, to most of your District Meetings. His presence does much to bring the Grand Lodge to the constituent lodges. His advice and counsel is of valuable assistance to secretaries in all parts of the Jurisdiction.

Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund, which has not been pushed in any way by the Grand Lodge this year, shows that contributions of almost \$10,000.00 came in, which your committee suggest demonstrates the desire of our brethren to remember the lesson of the North East angle of extending relief to their fellow creatures.

Your committee would again urge that Constituent Lodges make sure that their reports are mailed on time and thus relieve the Grand Secretary's office as the work is already very heavy.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. BRADLEY,

Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124): "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report' be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In perusing the address of our Grand Master, it is very evident that he has at all times during his term of office, labored unceasingly for a higher standard of Freemasonry both in and without our Jurisdiction. We can also discern that he has been most diligent, not only in pointing the proper way of applying our principles but he has at

all times given outstanding leadership to his brethren. The execution and dispatch with which he has so efficiently carried out his duties stamps him as one who has had a thorough background in Masonic procedure.

We rejoice with our Grand Master in the successful conclusion of hostilities in Europe and fully concur in his remarks regarding the atrocities that have been perpetrated and sincerely hope with him that the principles of the Brotherhood of Freemasonry will bring about the desired result.

We note with sincere pleasure that our Grand Lodge has not sustained any loss, through death, in its active officers but we do mourn with our Grand Master the passing of our highly esteemed Brother, the late President Roosevelt. We highly commend to the brethren to emulate his glorious example in his great service to humanity.

The Banff Conference has, in our opinion, been of outstanding benefit for Masonry in general, and greater cohesion of effort has undoubtedly been accomplished in the Western Provinces by this Inter-Provincial Conference. We heartily concur with our Grand Master when he states this meeting is invaluable from an educational standpoint for those of our officers who will in future occupy the Grand East.

Your committee is delighted to note that increased interest is being shown by the brethren in our District Meetings. We are indeed happy that our Grand Master found time to visit the seventeen Districts and it is quite evident that his efforts in this regard will be of lasting benefit to our members throughout the Province. It is with pleasure we note the many visitations made by our Grand Master at Constituent Lodge Meetings and we are quite convinced that the sacrifice of time he made in journeying many miles will be conducive of greater harmony and the carrying out to a greater degree than ever the Masonic precept in those lodges he was able to attend.

It is with a great deal of interest your Committee noted the remarks of our Grand Master pertaining to Lodge Notices and we would respectfully suggest that both Worshipful Masters and Secretaries benefit by the timely advice which he has extended in such a lucid manner.

We heartily concur in the injunction of our Grand Master to the Constituent Lodges that too great care cannot be exercised by Investigation Committees, especially during the accelerated period of applications for initiation. Masonry to survive must make Masons, therefore the strictest caution must be observed.

We note with pleasure that it has not been necessary for our Grand Master during his term of office to make any rulings which in many instances only breed contention.

It is exceedingly pleasing to learn of the splendid co-operation our Grand Master has received from his officers throughout his term, this augurs well for the success of our Craft in the future years.

Your Committee concludes with the wish that our Grand Master may yet be spared many years to labor with his brethren in the greater work of our time-honored Institution.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. F. ELLIS,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26): "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND THE BULLETIN

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research, Education and the *Bulletin* beg to report on the year's activities. We are pleased to report a slight increase in the number of *Bulletins* issued, both as to the number of lodges and members contributing, but the number is still far short of our objective, a copy of the *Bulletin* in the hands of every member of the Craft in our Grand Jurisdiction. Our Educational work is largely done through the medium of the *Bulletin*, and the material published comes from widely separated Masonic sources. We have endeavored to gather and arrange material which would be satisfactory to all members of the Craft, said material being both educational and interesting.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the *Bulletin* is continuing to prove beneficial, especially to the members of our country lodges who do not have the opportunity of hearing special speakers, as do the members of the larger city lodges.

This is the tenth year of publication. The cost of production is slightly lower than for the preceding year, and, as usual, is confined to the charges for printing and mailing only. The comparative cost, as compared with last year, is as follows:

	1944	1945
Circulation.. . . .	3,386	3,955
No. of Lodges subscribing.	106	118
Cost (Gross).....	\$567.70	\$605.05
Revenue from Sales.	\$525.98	\$575.80
Cost to Grand Lodge (net).....	\$ 41.72	\$ 29.25

Three copies of the *Bulletin* are sent gratis every month to each lodge and one copy to each Grand Lodge Officer, and the cost to members subscribing through the lodge is only 20c per annum. Your Committee will greatly appreciate the efforts of all members who will endeavor to place a copy of the *Bulletin* in the hands of every one of our members.

Your Committee had hoped that M. W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell, Editor of the *Bulletin* since its inception ten years ago, would again be able to resume his splendid work, but the Most High has ordered it otherwise. Brother Mitchell has found it necessary, through continued ill-health, to resign as Editor—we received this news with great regret. Bro. Mitchell has given us unstintingly of his time and knowledge, which has made our *Bulletin* the splendid little publication it is today. I am sure all your good wishes are extended to Brother Mitchell for his speedy recovery to good health. He is now residing in Victoria, B.C. We heartily recommend that the thanks and gratitude of this Grand Lodge be forwarded to him.

As your Editor pro tem, I have served you to the best of my ability, and I hope you have received as much benefit from my efforts as I have personally received in trying to serve you. Although considerable time is necessary to compile the *Bulletin* every month, I can assure you it has been a labor of love, and I wish to thank our M. W. Grand Master for giving me this opportunity.

I also wish to tender my sincere thanks to the many brethren who have so kindly assisted me during the year. I am sure you have all noted who these brethren are, and thank them also.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
Chairman and Editor Pro Tem.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell (29): "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and *Bulletin* be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to submit the following Report:

That we have examined the Petition of the Brethren at Empress, Alberta, for a Warrant of Constitution for a new Lodge, to be known as Empress Lodge No. 161, G.R.A.

We find that all the requirements of the Constitution have been met, and have examined the Dispensation issued by the M. W. the Grand Master, and the books and records, namely, the Minute Book, the Register and Historical Register used while under dispensation, and find them well kept and in excellent condition.

Having every confidence in the worthiness and Masonic good faith of the Petitioners, your Committee recommend that the M. W. the

Grand Lodge of Alberta grant a Warrant of Constitution to the aforesaid Petitioners.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. OTTEWELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23): "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

Grand Master:

"The Report of the Committee on the Work will be the first business tomorrow at 9 a.m. I want to give everyone an opportunity to discuss this matter. In order that you may be conversant with the question, the Committee on the Work prepared a Ritual, and I appointed a Special Committee of members of the seventeen Masonic Districts to consider the same—brethren who were well schooled in the ritualistic work. They met as a Committee, and have gone over the changes of the proposed Work, and that Committee will submit a Report. If I take their Report now, we may not be able to finish by 5 p.m. I therefore suggest we take it up as the first business tomorrow morning at 9 a.m."

Deputy Grand Master:

"You have observed today, as I have, with considerable pleasure I know, how vast our numbers are. Our building contractors have never been able to adequately satisfy us with regard to walls. If this Temple of ours had concertina walls, we could, with comfort, adequately accommodate all. We are faced with a problem. Many of our brethren are not sitting in the comfort they should be. Many Grand Lodges all over the world find it is necessary to hire a hall in which they can meet with comfort and convenience. I am putting the seed in your mind now, so that if we anticipate an equal, or even greater number at our next Grand Lodge, do not be at all surprised if we find it necessary to meet in the Macdonald Hotel in Edmonton, and the year after we may have to fill the Palliser. You may realize, as I do, the necessity of it."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We commend the reading of the various reviews, in which you will find comments on the carrying on of various service activities in the different Grand Jurisdictions. This praiseworthy work will, to a large extent, account for the increase in membership in our own Grand Lodge, as well as elsewhere throughout the Masonic world, which has been fairly general. Not only is this increase from the men in uniform, but

also from many in civilian life who are no doubt interested because of masonry's contribution to needy countries and the services it has rendered to men away from home. Some of the American Grand Lodges are outstanding in this respect.

Mexico

For some years this Grand Jurisdiction has been in fraternal correspondence with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico which claimed jurisdiction over the whole of Mexico. The York Grand Lodge now claims jurisdiction only over the English speaking Freemasonry of Mexico. This is information received from a report of a survey made by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In the report made the Chairman of the Committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodges are not giving fair treatment to the Freemasonry of Mexico. It is suggested that the Nationals of any country, if complying with the landmarks and fundamentals of the fraternity, are entitled to rule and govern their own Freemasonry.

In addition to the York Grand Lodge there are eighteen state Grand Lodges in Mexico, some of which are recognized by a number of the Grand Lodges in the United States. These eighteen Mexican Grand Lodges make up the Supreme Consejo, or Federation of Mexican Grand Lodges which is recognized by the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and by at least one Grand Lodge in the United States.

We have not had any direct communication either with the Federation of Mexican Grand Lodges or any individual Mexican Grand Lodge.

As some of these reports have only been in our hands for a few days we would recommend that no action be taken at this communication but that further consideration to this matter be given by this committee during the coming year.

In conclusion we would express our appreciation to those brethren who have so faithfully carried on the duties of Reviewers.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (11): "That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOUR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:45 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A banquet was held in the evening in the Masonic Temple, which was exceptionally well attended. After enjoying a substantial meal, entertainment was provided under the direction of M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis.

In responding to the Toast "The Grand Master and his Officers", which was most ably proposed by Brother Canon A. Lord of Grande

Prairie, the Grand Master briefly reviewed the year's work, and on behalf of Grand Lodge thanked all those brethren throughout the Jurisdiction who had contributed in any way to another successful year.

The Chairman, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, then introduced the Guest Speaker of the evening, R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The Address, entitled "There Is An Alarm At the Door", was most ably delivered, and at its conclusion R. W. Bro. Tate received an ovation. A verbatim report follows.

The brethren were entertained in a most enjoyable manner by Bro. Frederick L. Newnham, accompanied by Mr. G. Lloyd Roberts. Bro. Newnham delighted all who heard him, by the rendering of several classical selections, which were most enthusiastically received.

ADDRESS

By R. W. Bro. ROBT. A. TATE

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
Delivered at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Held in Calgary, June, 1945.

R. W. Brother Ottewell, Distinguished Brethren,
and Masonic Friends of Alberta:

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the right hand of Masonic friendship which you have so freely and wholeheartedly extended to me since my arrival in Calgary. Your ready use of the name "Bob" rather than my formal title and surname, and your many kindnesses have indeed warmed my heart.

We, like you, have enjoyed great Masonic activity. Almost one thousand new members have been initiated into our lodges during the past year, with a net increase in membership of 771. Added numbers, however, bring added responsibilities. I sincerely trust that we are making Masons and not merely members.

I have observed, as no doubt you all have, that both Manitoba and Alberta have turned to the Church for their Grand Masters for the ensuing year. When the prevailing winds in Saskatchewan are from the East, no doubt we will hear the echo of that splendid eloquence and wisdom with which the portly Doctor of Divinity from Manitoba highlighted your sessions this afternoon. When the prevailing winds are from the West we will no doubt hear the distant rumbling of Alberta's Canon. May Saskatchewan Freemasonry gain inspiration from the Pillar of Wisdom in the East and from the Pillar of Strength (I was on the point of saying the Pillar of Beauty), in the West.

I am deeply indebted to Alberta Freemasonry and to your Grand Master. You kindly and generously made me a member of your Grand Lodge some years ago. Your Grand Master, your Grand Secretary and many other members have been true friends of many years' standing. Therefore, when M. W. Brother Ireland requested that I be pre-

pared to address you this evening, I accepted his request as my command.

Until this morning I was conceited enough to think that I might have some little message for you. But at breakfast your incoming Grand Master, R. W. Brother Crane-Williams, made the observation that Alberta Freemasons attended this banquet primarily to enjoy the fellowship of their brethren and without any great interest as to who might be the speaker. I felt very much deflated.

However, with every confidence in your Masonic charity, I offer you material that I have developed entitled, "THERE IS AN ALARM AT THE DOOR". I wish to most emphatically state that the conclusions are mine personally and that I, and I alone, am responsible for any statements made in this address.

THERE IS AN ALARM AT THE DOOR

We, as Masons, are all very familiar with that phrase and are equally familiar with the instruction: "Ascertain the cause of the Alarm."

I suggest to you that today an alarm is being sounded at the door of every Masonic Lodge—an alarm calling us as Masons and democratic citizens to total action—an alarm calling you and I as individuals to organize a total fight for a total peace.

Our clearcut duty, as Masons and democratic citizens, is to support, maintain, uphold and preserve for future generations those *institutions of freedom* which have been and are being so splendidly fought for by our youth on sea, on land and in the air.

We were attacked from without—our youth met that attack and have administered one of the most crushing defeats in the history of the world on the European aggressors. I suggest to you that following the defeat of the attack from without will come the *slimy, insidious attack from within*. It is our special job—your job and my job—to be prepared to fight that inevitable attack from within. At the conclusion of hostilities *our great responsibility will commence*.

France was beaten in this war immediately after the close of the last Great War. *Hitler and his fanatical hordes did not bring the French nation to her knees*. The mechanized equipment of the German army did not defeat the French Nation. The daily press, during the years following the last Great War, carried stories in almost every issue telling of *social unrest, sildown strikes, and a generally chaotic condition* as existing in France. Much of the unrest was enemy inspired. In my opinion it was successful only because the French people foolishly decided that hostilities had terminated with the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, 1918. They permitted themselves to become soft and susceptible to an attack from within.

In my opinion, the French people themselves must accept *full responsibility* for their own defeat—a defeat which commenced in 1919. France's shame can be our shame, and those of you who recall the wave of moral turpitude which swept this country during the days following the last Great War must realize how close France's shame came to being our shame.

THERE IS AN ALARM AT THE DOOR.

Did you ever hear the statement that the *Treaty of Versailles was responsible for this war*? If so, I suggest, you were listening to subtle German propaganda. The responsibility for this war rests fairly and squarely on the German people. This war was being planned by Germany before the guns had ceased firing in the last. Mistakes made by the Germans in the last war were carefully analyzed—and as they thought—plans developed to prevent repetition. The *Treaty of Versailles was not responsible for this war*. That suggestion was a type of attack from within which had as its purpose the creating of a feeling of sympathy for the loser, for the under dog. As we are all aware the Anglo Saxon is notoriously sympathetic to the under dog. (You recall the fact that the German soldiers in countless hordes surrendered to the American and British Armies rather than to the Russian.) Germany, after the last great war, immediately *took advantage of that feeling of sympathy* and prepared for another attack from without.

Did you ever hear of the way in which the German national deliberately inflated their currency to astronomical proportions following the last Great War? If so, you have knowledge of one of the methods adopted by that unscrupulous nation to *avoid financial responsibility* for their sins of aggression.

Did you ever hear the statement accusing our United States Allies of bragging that they had won the last war? If so, you were listening to a type of *enemy propaganda* having as its objective the development of a feeling of animosity and mistrust as between the peoples of the two great Democratic powers of the world, the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Have you ever heard the statement made during the past few months that some armies were given easy assignments where *spectacular victories* could be won with a minimum loss of life while our Canadian troops were given assignments of the *toughest, or of a mopping up nature*, where there was no hope of spectacular results? I suggest to you that such statements have all the earmarks of the first wave of enemy propaganda having as its purpose the *creating of dissention among the Allies* with the subsequent loss of the Peace.

These are only a few, a very few, of the methods previously adopted *and with many new and more subtle ones* again being planned for an attack from within.

THERE IS AN ALARM AT THE DOOR.

We won the last Great War and lost the Peace. It was my privilege to wear His Majesty's uniform for some four years in the last war, almost two years of which were spent in the mud, blood and filth of the front line trenches. I will carry to my grave physical and mental scars resulting from that conflict.

We won that war and then public opinion in the democratic countries of the world *was not sufficiently strong nor not sufficiently unselfish* to win the Peace.

Now a greater and more terrible world conflict has been and is raging throughout the world. My son and my daughter, like many of your sons and daughters, have been wearing His Majesty's uniform.

Not because their dads were not good fighters in the last war, not because we did not win the last war—but because we did not win the Peace.

You ask how can I as an individual, assist in winning the Peace. I answer, we, in the democratic countries of the world, have been and are living under an *absolute dictatorship*. The name of the dictator is *public opinion*. Our Governments respond slowly but nevertheless certainly, to public opinion. We must never forget that as individuals—you and I—we are responsible for the *developing and moulding of public opinion*.

Did you ever hear of the League of Nations? Do you realize that it had the necessary *machinery to have prevented this war*? Machinery, yes, but the support of public opinion with which to supply the power for that machinery—no. The League of Nations was a useless toy because it lacked the support of public opinion throughout the free countries of the world. Similarly so, I suggest to you, that any organization developed at Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco or elsewhere, having as its objective the prevention of further wars, will fail and fail dismally *unless wholeheartedly endorsed and constantly supported by public opinion* throughout the free countries of the world.

Did you ever see a fine building reduced to rubble with the charred bodies of civilians, including women and children, buried in that rubble and all caused by enemy aerial bombing attack? I have, and possibly some of you may have. *But public opinion forgot those charred bodies, forgot those piles of rubble*, and adopted a policy of disarmament and pacifism which permitted the Japs to march into Manchuria unopposed.

Did you ever see a battlefield scarred with shell holes and trenches and littered with mutilated bodies of dead and dying young men? I have, and some of you may have—but public opinion *forgot those battlefields, forgot those mutilated bodies*, and permitted the Germans to march into the Ruhr on the first step to this terrible world carnage.

Did you ever see an aircraft enveloped in flames and hurtling out of control to earth, carrying to their death a brave crew of youngsters? I have, and some of you may have—but public opinion *forgot those flaming aircraft* and permitted Mussolini to march into Abyssinia.

One could go on and on citing similar acts, all leading to this present conflict and all made possible *by apathy and indifference on the part of the general public* in the free countries of the world.

Let us not try to shift responsibility. *Let us not try to blame our leaders, our statesmen*, but rather let us remember that those leaders, those statesmen, respond and will continue to respond surely and certainly to *public opinion*.

What of the *youth* of the democratic countries of the World? Hitler and Mussolini inoculated the youth of their respective countries with a *deadly ism virus*. They recognized the value of youth in their murderous plan of world conflict. The record of our treatment of youth in the democratic countries, especially during the so-called depression days, *is a record that might well cause us to hang our heads in shame*. And now that same youth have been and are fighting—and winning, our battles. *What debt will we owe them?*

Our authorities have made tremendous strides in *rehabilitation legislation*. There are organizations in our country that have made

representations to the authorities and demanded more and yet more rehabilitation legislation. They are inclined to think, and unfortunately, large numbers of our people are inclined to think, that rehabilitation legislation *is all that is necessary*—that we will *discharge our individual debt* by having suitable rehabilitation legislation.

I make this statement to you, and to the best of my knowledge it is an original statement and I accept full responsibility for it: *Rehabilitation by legislation will fail* just as surely as prohibition by legislation failed, *unless* that legislation is thoroughly understood and *wholeheartedly endorsed and supported* by the general public of Canada and unless that general public—you and I—are prepared to go further, much further, and *tolerantly, humanely, unselfishly and untiringly assist* these young men and women to become re-established and re-adjusted.

We must be prepared to assist them to gratefully take advantage of *all the opportunities that will be available to them*; assist them to become useful units of society.

They (the returning men and women) like we, *owe a great debt* to those who have paid the *supreme sacrifice*. They (the returning men and women) must not become disciples of that vicious, foolish doctrine that the world owes any man a living because he has worn His Majesty's uniform in combative service or home defence.

We must see that *opportunity exists* and they in turn must realize that the opportunity *can only pay dividends through honest toil*. They must be encouraged to direct their great energy and fine courage—not to chaos and confusion—but *to the development of a Canada worthy of those who have given their all*. I repeat, they, like we, owe a great debt to those *who have paid the supreme sacrifice*.

Some few months ago a picture entitled, "The White Cliffs of Dover", was shown in my home city. I borrow from that picture the expression—"God will not forgive us if we break faith with our dead again."

THERE IS AN ALARM AT THE DOOR.

Unfortunately, and I say it in all sincerity, there has been, in my personal opinion, a very definite tendency to *paint the Canadian rehabilitation plans* to the man in uniform *in much too rosy a colour*. He has been led to believe that he will return to a Canada that has in some miraculous way been changed into a land flowing with milk and honey.

And here at home there has been much loose and glib talking about new orders, sweeping social reforms and all manner of methods whereby our fair country will be changed into a Utopia where *individual initiative, accomplishment and ambition will no longer be necessary* and where in some miraculous fashion clouds of manna will fall from the heavens on the *indolent and lazy as well as on the thrifty and industrious*.

I predict that when this ground fog of loose thinking is dispersed, as most assuredly it must be, both our returning men and women and our people at home will find that we are still living in a world in which honest toil is still the lot of man; a world which will not reward indolence; a world which will not tolerate wasteful wickedness; a world in which

virtue, prosperity and happiness will not be governmental gifts but personal achievement.

That great leader and statesman, Winston Churchill, made the statement that we could only win this war by blood, sweat and tears. This Canada of ours has the greatest potential opportunities of any country in the world, but in my opinion those opportunities can only be developed to the happiness of our people by a return to the fundamentals of prayer, sweat and honest dealing. We cannot and will not attain this objective by listening to the *fabulous promises* of the soap box orator or *the irresponsible statements* of the upstart opportunist, but as I say by returning to the great fundamentals of *prayer, sweat and honest dealing.*

I suggest to you that we as Canadian citizens inherited those fundamentals from the pioneers of this country. This country was pioneered and developed by God-fearing men and women who were not afraid of honest sweat and whose word was as good as their bond. This country could not have been pioneered by stupid atheists; by lazy misfits or by evaders of an obligation, either written or unwritten. I repeat that in my opinion we in Canada have inherited the sound philosophy of *prayer, sweat and honest dealing.*

Down through the ages, Freemasonry has been teaching the doctrine of prayer, sweat and honest dealing. She has been teaching us to turn to the Great Architect of the Universe in Prayer; she has been teaching us that labor is the lot of man; she has been teaching us that death has no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonor; Freemasonry has the simple permanent solution to world problems, to social unrest and unhappiness. Freemasonry challenges us, as *individual members*, to counteract that wave of loose talking and thinking by *taking her solution out into the world.*

There are over 40,000 Masons in Western Canada, over 150,000 in Canada and almost three million on the North American continent. What a grand army to form the spearhead of the *fight to win the peace.* What a *positive force to direct public opinion to constructive reconstruction.*

I give you:

Not Churchill's win the war prescription of blood, sweat and tears; but Masonry's age-old philosophy of prayer, sweat and honest dealing.

"God will not forgive us if we break faith with our dead again."

In the first Great War over 60,000 of Canada's finest paid the supreme sacrifice. In this war there have been, up to the present, approximately 35,000 who have paid the supreme sacrifice. *I suggest that our 95,000 dead are throwing Freedom's Torch to you and I.*

"IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

—Lt.-Col. John McCrae.

“GOD WILL NOT FORGIVE US IF WE BREAK FAITH
WITH OUR DEAD AGAIN.”

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:05 a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

Calgary, June 13th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

At previous Communications of Grand Lodge, authority and direction were given for the preparation of an Alberta edition of the Canadian Rite Work for use in the lodges in this jurisdiction practising that Rite.

Accordingly the M. W. the Grand Master appointed a special Committee, consisting of the Committee on "The Work" (Canadian Rite) and Representatives of every Masonic District where the Canadian Work is used, with the Junior Grand Warden as Chairman.

This Committee has now completed its work, which has consisted of some very minor revisions and the inclusion of a number of clarifying directions, all intended to facilitate the smooth and effective performance of the Work in the several Degrees.

The Committee unanimously recommends that its work be approved, and that a sufficient number of copies be printed to supply the needs of the lodges of this jurisdiction using the Canadian Rite Work.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. OTTEWELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88): "That the Report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted."

Grand Master:

"You will realize that this is a very important matter. You will understand that when I named this Committee, I did so with the purpose in view that all types would be well represented, so that a unanimous Report could be brought before you, with the idea of minimizing discussion on the floor of Grand Lodge. I believe your Committee have given you a Work of which you may well be proud and which will facilitate the Work in the three Degrees of Craft Masonry using the Canadian Rite. The opportunity is now at hand for

you to make any statement you wish. After the vote has been taken, this will mean that no further discussion or changes may take place."

Some discussion ensued, and an Amendment was moved by R. W. Bro. Haslam (32): seconded by R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis (3): "That the matter be tabled indefinitely." On being put to the Vote, the Amendment was lost. The Motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

It was then resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124): "That the Committee on the Work of the Canadian Rite be authorized to prepare and have printed the Work as approved in this Grand Lodge."

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED

Deputy Grand Master;

"M. W. Bro. Ireland's son, serving in the R.C.A.F., was leaving town today, so he has gone to see him off. In his absence, I have a most pleasant duty to perform. You will remember, just as well as I, two years ago in this Temple, we had the utmost felicity in welcoming here to our deliberations, the present M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Dr. P. T. Pilkey. It was my privilege at that time to offer a Resolution that we confer upon him the office which was comparable to that which he at that time held in his own Grand Lodge, that of Honorary P.G.S.W. I understand that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is our Mother Grand Lodge, and we welcome every year some Brother from Manitoba. Whoever comes in the future, and whoever came in the years that have gone, we have never had a Brother who seized our hearts so completely as M.W. Bro. Pilkey, and I offer to you this suggestion, making it a resolution, that we confer on M. W. Bro. Pilkey an honor comparable with that he now holds in his own Grand Lodge, and that we make him an Honorary P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I ask M. W. Bro. Ellis to second that.

"As you know, last year in Banff I was signally honored by being elected the President of the Four Western Jurisdictions' Conference. One of the high lights of that Conference was the exceedingly valuable and perfectly erudite paper which was read by M. W. Bro. Carter, who has again honored us with his presence today. I propose therefore in this omnibus proposition that you confer on M. W. Bro. Carter the rank of Honorary P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

"Now I am at a most delightful point. Those of you who gathered with us last night in the dining room, will take away with you and nourish in your hearts for years to come, the wonderful Address given by R. W. Bro. Tate. As a world traveller, and as a man who has sat at the feet of great orators, and who has known, perhaps, some of the world's finest speakers, that Address has never been excelled. We shall ever remember him when we hear "There is an Alarm at the Door". We are not able by the Constitution to confer upon R. W. Bro. Tate the honor he deserves, and I propose we confer upon him the highest honor in our power, that of Honorary P.D.G.M.

"But still I must go on. A man is prodigal when he has favors to confer, and I throw them here and there. Past Grand Masters for

years have enjoyed the hospitality, the kindness, and the utter sincerity of fraternity exhibited by the Peace Lodge at Dawson Creek. Every year at our Grand Communication we get some representative from that Lodge, and we have always had the father of the Peace Lodge with us. I cannot give V. W. Bro. Dan Fenton the honor he deserves, but I desire to give him in this Grand Jurisdiction the same honor he has in his own Jurisdiction, and I ask you to confer upon him the rank of Honorary P.G.S.D. I appeal to you to concur in that."

M. W. Bro. Ellis

"I esteem it an outstanding honor and a real privilege to be permitted to second this Resolution. All the Brethren you have mentioned, and whose careers you have sketched, have been friends of mine for some years, and I think I know them better, probably, than the Deputy Grand Master does, from the simple fact that I have seen them in their every day lives and off the floor of the Lodge of this Grand Communication. I do feel, in voting on extending these honors to these brethren, we are taking members into our ranks who will spiritually and morally strengthen this Grand Jurisdiction. The Masonic reputations of all these brethren are outstanding, not only in their own Jurisdictions, but all over Western Canada and in the States to the South, so it is with a great deal of pleasure that I second this Motion."

The Motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

M. W. Bro. Pilkey:

"This is the finest example of closure I have ever known in my experience. They ask me to stop after two or three minutes. I am happy to know, however, that I am only expected to use up a couple of minutes, because I could not trust myself to speak any further. You overwhelm me, Sir, by your kindness, and I hope the good Lord will forgive you for the things you have said. I want to say that I like to come to Alberta. I suppose some of you will be thinking that I have nothing much to come for now. If I am spared in health and strength, I will visit you again. I have a duty to perform as a P.G.M. I appreciate your kindness. I thank you very very much and I hope I will wear this honor with distinction, and be pleasing in your sight, because I will have to do that—I will not let you down."

M. W. Bro. Carter:

"I feel I am in rather a difficult position at this Grand Assembly. I suppose most of you, in your boyhood days, floated a kite. If so, that kite had, of course, a tail. Perhaps a very long tail, and I feel something like the last piece attached to that tail, following the very excellent addresses given by Brothers Pilkey and Tate, despite the fact that the tail stabilizes the kite. Being in that position, one finds that what one might have said has been said before. If spoken again, it is merely repetition.

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the honor you have conferred upon me. It is an honor I will gratefully remember for the rest of my life. I also deeply appreciate the fraternal kindness and generous hospitality that has been extended to me while attending this splendid Communication. It is many years since I first saw Calgary. In those days it was mostly known, far and wide, as the

home of Bob Edwards and the *Calgary Eye-Opener*. Calgarians were a friendly people then, and they have not changed since.

"A good deal has been said about Freemasonry, what it is and what is its aim. We take pride in the fact that it is the most ancient moral institution that ever existed, and although Orders of more recent date have endeavored to copy its examples and aims, it stands unique at the present time. Comparisons have been made with organizations of a somewhat different nature. Mention was made yesterday of the work being done by the Service Clubs, but, living in a small town, their activities are something I know little about, except from reports of their doings in the daily papers. We realize they accomplish a great deal of good in their own local communities and our members have generously responded to appeals from these Service Clubs for objectives further afield, such as the 'Milk for Britain' Fund and similar endeavors. But, as I see it, the service rendered is of a material nature. I believe that service is one of the great fundamentals of our Institution. This service differs from that of the service clubs, in that, while material service must form a part, it must be combined with something of a spiritual form also. There has never been an Institution that has for so long and so consistently practiced the Fatherhood of the Deity and the Brotherhood of Man. The practical application of these great Truths cover everything that our Masonic life should hold. Individually, they not only influence our own lives, if practiced faithfully, but by our own example, tend to mold the opinions and character of those outside the influence of this Masonic Fraternity. However, in order to do this, we must make sure that we understand the great underlying truths correctly. I have just a few nebulous thoughts in mind; one is that it is possible that we do not carry these into practice as we should. In the instructions in the N.E. corner, we are told that Masonry has within its ranks many persons of rank and affluence. I would like to add to this that it also has many of high education and attainment, keen minds and great ability. Men whose minds have been trained to see into the core of things and take up where others have left off. We have also many of those who have not had the good fortune to obtain as much education and whose minds have not been trained to the same extent. These brethren have a keen desire to learn all there is to know about Masonry, yet are hampered through lack of sufficient explanation to know how to begin. They have an idea that there are heights which they have been unable to reach, but are eager to attempt, if the way is pointed out. This is borne out by questions that are frequently asked when visiting some of the smaller Lodges. Sometimes the questions can be answered and satisfaction given, sometimes not, but there appears to be a striving to see still more clearly, something that has not, to the present, been reached. It is in this connection, I think, that to some extent our system of education fails to reach the full objective.

"In our Grand Jurisdiction we have a Committee on Masonic Education which is doing splendid work. If the teaching and instruction given by that Committee are carried out, there would be no fear of the future, but there are times when the instruction given requires explanation and amplification, and it is doubtful whether this is being done in order to reap the full benefit.

"In our beautiful Installation Ceremony, we are told that many of the points in our system are veiled in allegory and illustrated by

symbols, and that to draw aside or to penetrate this veil is the object of rulers in Freemasonry.

"You, Brethren, who are attending this Grand Lodge, *are* the Rulers in Freemasonry. You are the ones to draw aside and penetrate the veil, and explain to the brother lacking the knowledge you possess. You are the ones to explain the work of the Committee on Masonic Education. Is this being done? Are the Rulers trying to bring a fuller realization of all Freemasonry stands for to the less fortunate brother who lacks the advantages you possess? Sometimes I doubt this. If that were done, there would be no question. The spirit of Freemasonry would extend to a greater extent within and without the lodge than it does at the present time. It is the duty of the Rulers to instruct their less fortunate brethren in the matters they desire to understand.

"I bring you the heartiest greetings of Saskatchewan Grand Lodge. We are having our meeting next week, and will be very glad to see the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, that we may in some measure repay a portion of the hospitality we have received here.

"Now I have a very pleasant duty to perform. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, you heard a short time ago your R. W. Deputy Grand Master in a very glowing tribute to others. We, in Saskatchewan, also recognize merit and ability, and we are anxious to further cement the type of fellowship and friendship existing between Alberta and Saskatchewan. A year ago you were accorded the honor of being elected a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The contribution you made was greatly appreciated, and it is now my great pleasure to present to you the Certificate of an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan."

M. W. Bro. Harris:

"I can assure you that I appreciate this honor very, very much, not on my own behalf alone, but also on behalf of my brethren. My Masonic experience has been a little unique. 39 years ago this month it was my pleasure, M. W. Sir, to be initiated into Masonry under the Jurisdiction of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This was in Regina, in Wascana Lodge, No. 2, in which, I am proud to say, I still retain membership. The honor is doubly appreciated through my affiliation with our Sister Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I wish to thank you, M. W. Bro. Pilkey, for the honor you conferred upon me last week."

R. W. Bro. Tate:

"Some years ago I used to look forward to a programme on the radio by a character, I think his name was Baron Munchausen. He disappeared from the radio, and I wondered where he had gone, until I heard your Deputy Grand Master this morning. I appreciate very deeply, much more than you will realize, the honor you have extended to me this morning. I very humbly thank my Creator, who gave me the ability to present to you last night, a subject which is very near to my heart, and to find that it struck such a responsive chord in the hearts of Alberta Freemasons. I appreciate very, very deeply, the

honor you have done me this morning. I shall continue to be at the service of Alberta Freemasons."

V. W. Bro. Fenton:

"I cannot find words to thank you for the great honor you have conferred upon me this morning. I do not know what I have done to deserve it. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris is one of our most esteemed Honorary Members. We also have another distinguished Brother, M. W. Bro. Crane-Williams. Brethren, I thank you very much."

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

It was moved by W. Bro. Gellibrand (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. L. C. Stevens (14):

"That Section 219 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all from the word 'desire' in the seventeenth line thereof to the word 'dimission' in the twenty-third line, and substituting the following:

"If at the expiration of twelve months he should desire to pay such arrears and assume active membership in the same lodge, he may be re-instated by a majority vote taken by means of a written ballot; the petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the lodge, and cannot be acted upon until the next regular meeting nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. Should he wish to join another lodge in this jurisdiction, other than that issuing the Dimit, an application for affiliation will be required."

On being put to the Vote, the Motion carried.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134):

"That Section 192 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"When the place of residence of an Applicant for Initiation within this Jurisdiction is nearer a Lodge in a Sister Jurisdiction than a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the Petition of the applicant, provided the Grand Lodge in such Sister Jurisdiction permits the like privilege in this Jurisdiction."

On being put to the vote, the Motion carried.

Due to the fact that V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24) was absent, and no-one appeared on his behalf to present the Amendment that Sections 184 and 185 be deleted, no action was taken with regard to this proposed Amendment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Albera, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 432 Members and 29 Master Masons registered present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 616 consisting of 75 W.M.'s with 178 votes; 33 S.W.'s with 46 votes; 26 J.W.'s with 28 votes; 299 Past Masters with 299 votes and 22 Proxies with 65 votes.

117 Chartered Lodges are represented. (116 and 1 U.D.).

32 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River.....	1	1	1	11	..	14
2. Medicine Hat.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
3. Alberta.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
4. North Star.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
5. Cascade.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
6. Spitzie.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
7. Edmonton.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
8. Innisfail.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
9. Perfection.....	1	1	1	14	..	14
10. Eureka.....	3	..	..	5	..	8
11. Acacia.....	3	..	..	7	..	10
12. Red Deer.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
15. Wetaskiwin.....	1	1	..	3	..	5
16. Mountain View...	2	1	..	9	..	12
17. Nanton.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
18. Britannia.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
19. Cornerstone.....	1	1	..	2	..	4
20. Carstairs.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
21. King Hiram.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
22. Corinthian.....	3	..	..	5	..	8
23. Calgary.....	..	2	1	12	..	15
24. Vermilion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
25. St. John's.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
26. Sentinel.....	1	1	1	3	..	6
27. Apollo.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
28. Ashlar.....	3	..	..	7	..	10
29. Kenilworth.....	..	..	..	6	3	9
30. Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
31. Doric.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
32. Cairo.....	..	..	..	6	..	6
33. Stavely.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
34. Star of the West...	..	..	..	..	..	..
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	2	..	5

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
36. Gleichen.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
37. Camrose.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
41. King Solomon.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
42. Bowden.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
43. Tuscan.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
45. Ionic.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
46. Palestine.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
47. Chinook.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
48. Crossfield.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
49. Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
51. Unity.....	1	1	1	8	..	11
53. Strathmore.....	..	2	1	3	..	6
54. Mount Lebanon.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
56. Beaver.....	..	..	..	4	..	4
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
59. King George.....	1	1	1	6	..	9
60. Aeme.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
61. Provost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
62. Melrose.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
63. Empire.....	1	1	1	7	..	10
64. Bow Island.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
66. St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
67. Charity.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
68. Edson.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
69. Connaught.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
71. Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
72. Coronation.....	..	1	..	1	..	2
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
74. Vulcan.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76. Fidelity.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
77. Strathcona.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
78. Hanna.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
79. Morning Star.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
80. Excelsior.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
81. Commercial.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
82. Acadia.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
83. Zetland.....	2	..	1	10	..	13
84. Champion.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
86. Rocky Mountain.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
87. Crescent.....	..	..	1	4	2	7
88. Wahpun.....	..	3	..	3	..	6
89. Peace River.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
90. Norwood.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
91. Patricia.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
92. Saskatchewan.....	3	..	..	1	..	4

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
93. Symbol.....	2	1	..	1	.	4
94. Lamont.....	3	..	..	.	.	3
95. Kitchener.....	3	..	..	2	.	5
96. Dynamic.....	3	..	..	1	.	4
97. Albion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
98. Hand Hill.....	2	..	1	3	.	6
100. Verdigris.....	3	..	..	.	.	3
101. West Edmonton..	3	..	..	.	.	3
102. Edgerton.....	3	..	..	2	.	5
103. Foremost.....	..	..	..	.	.	.
104. Oyen.....	3	..	..	1	.	4
105. Grande Prairie..	2	..	1	7	.	10
106. Lake Saskatoon..	..	..	..	.	.	.
107. Carbon.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
108. Pyramid.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
110. Kilwinning.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
111. Nobleford.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
113. Cyprus.....	2	1	..	1	.	4
114. Westlock.....	..	..	..	.	.	.
115. Crocus.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
116. Spirit River.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
117. Dominion.....	3	..	..	1	.	4
118. St. Mark's.....	2	..	1	2	.	5
119. York.....	3	..	..	.	.	3
120. Monitor.....	3	..	..	2	.	5
122. Rising Sun.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
123. Rockyford.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
124. Concord.....	1	1	1	11	.	14
125. Cavell.....	.	2	1	1	.	4
126. Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
127. Granite.....	2	..	1	2	.	5
128. Forestburg....	..	..	..	2	.	2
129. Meridian.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
130. Hussar.....	..	..	..	2	.	2
131. Kitscoty.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
132. Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
133. Manyberries ..	..	..	..	1	.	1
134. Renfrew.....	2	1	..	9	.	12
135. Alliance.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
136. Cresset.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
137. Irricana.....	1	1	1	4	.	7
138. Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
140. Big Valley.....	3	..	..	2	.	5
141. Efficiency.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
142. Ivanhoe.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
143. Jasper Park.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
144. Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
145. St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
146. Drumheller.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
147. Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
148. Mayerthorpe....	..	..	..	..	..	.
151. Lochearn.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
152. Standard.....	2	..	1	2	.	5
153. Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	..	..	.
154. Waskatenau.....	..	..	..	1	..	1

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
156. Hythe.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
157. Sharon.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
158. Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
160. Sexsmith.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
U.D. Empress.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
	178	46	28	299	65	616

Fraternally submitted,

T. W. BULL,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), seconded by W. Bro. A. J. Lauder (11): "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

Calgary, June 14th, 1945.

To the M. W. the Grand Master; Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Scrutineers for the election of officers report as follows:

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master..... R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78)
Senior Grand Warden..... R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11)
Grand Treasurer..... R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
Grand Secretary..... M. W. Bro. George Moore (23)
Grand Chaplain..... R. W. Bro. F. E. Smith (89)

The following officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden..... R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)
Grand Registrar..... R. W. Bro. H. W. B. Bell (53)

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)..... Edmonton
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124)..... Calgary
W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83)..... Calgary
R. W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59)..... Calgary
V. W. Bro. F. B. George (15)..... Wetaskiwin
R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher (107)..... Carbon

V. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83) Calgary
 V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Skene (9) Calgary

For the Board of Benevolence the following were elected:

M. W. Bro. William Ireland (9) Calgary
 M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124) Calgary
 R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124) Calgary

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by W. Bro. F. Kavanagh (142): "That the Report of the Board of Scrutineers be received and adopted."

R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), was unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Tyler.

Grand Master:

"I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to M. W. Bro. Harris and his Committee for the very excellent job they completed last night. We are greatly indebted to that Committee. It is a very difficult task, and I know you will show your appreciation in the usual hearty manner."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10:50 a.m.

Labor was resumed at 11:05 a.m.

Grand Master:

"Before I turn the gavel over to our Installing Master, I am going to perform my last official act by asking the District Deputy Grand Masters to approach the East. In my Report yesterday, as Grand Master, I endeavored to convey to you my deep appreciation of the wonderful services these men gave me during the past year. You served me faithfully and well; you have done a good job and I doubt not your year of office will have made you better able to serve with greater efficiency in the future, and made you better Masons. I want to say, from the bottom of my heart, how deeply I appreciate that work, and it is now my very great pleasure to present to you your Certificates as P.D.D.G.M.'s of your respective Jurisdictions.

"As Shakespeare said: 'My hour of departure has come', and I am now going to turn the gavel over to M. W. Bro. John Martland to install the Officers for the ensuing year. I know you will serve and honor the incoming Grand Master in the same excellent manner you served me. Words fail me to tell you how deeply I appreciate all the very kind things you have said to me in the last 24 hours and during my year of office you have been really wonderful, and I bespeak for my good Brother, Crane-Williams, that you will be just as kind and generous to him as you have been to me."

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M., assisted by M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, acting as Director of Ceremonies. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris presented the Grand Master-elect.

M. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, Grand Master, in thanking the installing Officers, addressed the meeting as follows:

"The first words to fall from my lips now could only be 'Thank You'. Thank you, my Brethren, for placing me here. Thank you, my fellow Officers, in joining me in the government of this Grand Lodge. Thank you, M. W. Bro. Martland, for the most dignified and solemn manner in which you installed and invested us. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, this ceremony would have been incomplete for me if I had not had your support, and I shall claim that during every day I strive to do my duties here in this Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. Ellis, I thank you for the military precision in which you discharged your duties. I would also like to thank Bro. Higgin, the V. W. Grand Organist, for having dispensed music to our great delight.

"To my District Deputy Grand Masters, I shall take an early opportunity of talking to you. You have been elected by your brethren and fellows. I now present to you the Warrant of your Appointment."

PRESENTATION

Grand Master:

"Before I take my seat, one of the most delightful duties of the incoming Grand Master is, on your behalf, to show our appreciation of the outgoing. He can take with him, into that semi-retirement, the good wishes of all of us, and if I might be permitted to express a hope, it would be that when my time comes to pass out of this Chair, I might feel I have with me the affection which goes with M. W. Bro. Ireland. This is the P.G.M. Jewel which I present to you, and with which I now invest you. I am not able to speak as eloquently as other brethren could who are aware of the work performed by M. W. Bro. Ireland in all the several jurisdictions. This gift is an annual event. It has never been more heartily and truly won than today by M. W. Bro. Ireland, and I express the prayerful hope that the years ahead for you will be long and happy, in which you may wear with pride our P.G.M. Jewel."

M. W. Bro. Ireland:

"First, let me say that I offer you now, and throughout your term of office, my most loyal assistance. I shall be with you on every occasion that I possibly can. I want to thank you all again from the very bottom of my heart. I have had a wonderful year, and I shall always be at the service of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Thank you, Brethren."

Grand Master:

"Now, Brethren, I have rather an important announcement. First, though, I have forgotten something. I want to say 'Thank You' to those Brethren of my own District who have come so far, I think,

in a large measure, to see me installed. I know your interest in the Craft is such that you would come in any case, but there may be those among you who came for the affection you have for me. I thank you for coming--I hope to be with you in our own lodge very shortly.

"During the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes, that most excellent publication of ours, *The Bulletin*, was temporarily bereft of an Editor, and authority was given to me, as Grand Master, to make an appointment. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris has, for the past year, occupied that position pro tem. I have not asked his permission or acceptance. Authority having been placed in my hands to appoint an Editor, I now appoint my friend and brother, M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, editor of the *Bulletin*, and challenge him to refuse it if he dare."

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris:

"During the past year, Brethren, I have given you of my best. I know it is not what it might be, or, perhaps, what other brethren could give you, but I have done my best—I can do no more than that. I have endeavored to make it interesting and complete and up to the high level it has always enjoyed, and at all times I think it has been pretty well on time. M. W. Sir, I cannot refuse.

"There is one thing I would like to draw to your attention now. You are here from all parts of the Province. You might not know this, but our *Bulletin* is the oldest publication among the Western Grand Lodges. It has the smallest distribution—not 50 per cent. I would like you to endeavor to have a copy in every hand. The cost is only small—20c per annum (10 copies). It is mailed direct to the Secretary and placed in your summons envelope. While it does require a little extra work on the part of the Secretary, it does not require any extra postage. I would like you to make an effort, at the first meeting of your lodge, to see if you cannot persuade them to subscribe for sufficient *Bulletins* in order that every member will receive a copy. The next issue will be out in September. If you will forward your orders to the Grand Secretary, we shall be delighted. Let us try next year to see that every member is receiving a copy of the *Bulletin*."

Grand Master:

"The other announcement I would like to make is that a meeting of the Board of General Purposes will be held immediately at the close of this Grand Lodge. The D.D.G.M.'s will also please meet me at the close of this Grand Lodge.

"Brethren, in the V.O.T.S.L. somewhere you may find these words: 'He who is greatest among you let him be your servant'. I pledge myself, Brethren, I am and will be that, with the help of the Almighty Architect."

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Martland (63), seconded by R. W. Bro. John Booth (51): "That this Grand Lodge express its appreciation to the Calgary Masonic Temple Limited for the arrangements made

for their comfort during Grand Lodge; to the Members of the Credential Committee and Scrutineers, whose duties require them to remain outside the Lodge Room during most of the Session; to the Calgary Brethren for the warm hospitality extended to us during this Communication, and finally our sincere appreciation to all members who assisted in making this Grand Lodge the success it has been." Carried Unanimously.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Fortieth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 12:15 p.m. and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



George Moore

Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1945-46

M. W. Bro. Canon GEO. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS (105) GRAND MASTER
Dimsdale, Alberta

- R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78), Hanna. Deputy Grand Master
 R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134). D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 1
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 10015-93rd Street, Edmonton.
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 R. W. Bro. R. T. Wright (50), Hardisty. D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 5
 R. W. Bro. R. N. Ralph (33), Stavely. D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6
 R. W. Bro. Albert Wright (67). D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7
 1203-6th Avenue South, Lethbridge.
 R. W. Bro. M. MacMillan (47), Cowley. D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 8
 R. W. Bro. Frank Swallow (140), Rowley. D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9
 R. W. Bro. George Edgecombe (63). D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 10
 11233-128th Street, Edmonton
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M. W. Bro. GEORGE MOORE (23) GRAND SECRETARY
Masonic Temple, Calgary.

- R. W. Bro. H. W. B. Bell (53). Grand Registrar
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 V. W. Bro. Bruce C. Downey (20), Carstairs. Grand Pursuivant
 V. W. Bro. James Brown (19), High River. Grand Steward

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OF THE
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OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



*"The soul, of origin divine,
God's glorious Image, freed from clay;
In Heaven's eternal sphere shall shine,
A star of day."*

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Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arizona	Johns, Anthony Arthur, P.G.M.	May 24, 1944
British Columbia	McKee, Frank Sumner, P.G.M., G.S.	Aug. 24, 1944
British Columbia	Reid, Robie Lewis, P.G.M., G. Hist.	Feb. 6, 1945
British Columbia	Hughes, Joseph Henry, Gr. Tyler	Feb. 20, 1945
Colorado	Sands, Herbert Stead	Dec. 13, 1944
Colorado	Ragatz, Arthur Frederick, G. Chap.	Feb. 2, 1945
Dist. of Columbia	Keiper, J. Claude, Grand Sec.	Nov. 19, 1944
Illinois	Mullen, Edward Claude, P.G.M.	Aug. 11, 1944
Illinois	Darrah, Delmar Duane, P.G.M.	Mar. 5, 1945
Indiana	Morrison, Martin Andrew, P.G.M.	July 9, 1944
Indiana	Smith, Obie Jay, P.G.M.	Nov. 22, 1944
Kentucky	Hawes, William Henry, G. Tyler	May 11, 1944
Kentucky	Ross, Innes Bedinger (Judge), P.G.M.	July 6, 1944
Louisiana	Krause, Rudolph A. W. H., P.G.M.	Dec. 21, 1944
Louisiana	Taylor, Jesse Allen, Gr. Lecturer	Jan. 3, 1945
Maine	Gilpatric, George Alden, P.J.G.W.	July 22, 1944
Maine	Clough, Isaac A., P.S.G.W.	Jan. 27, 1945
Manitoba	Fenwick, William, P.G.M.	May 15, 1944
Manitoba	Walker, Edward Maxwell, P.G.M.	Sept. 28, 1944
Michigan	Swift, G. Roscoe, P.G.M.	July 12, 1944
Minnesota	Mitchell, Dick A., G.M.	July 25, 1944
Minnesota	Pray, Albert Fenderson, P.G.M.	May 11, 1944
Missouri	Landon, Thad. B., P.G.M.	Jan. 11, 1944
Missouri	Mather, Arthur, Grand Sec.	April 22, 1944
Montana	Armour, Ray Martin, G.S.B.	April 19, 1945
Nebraska	Freet, Ira G., P.G.M.	Oct. 13, 1944
Nevada	Steinmetz, Theodore J., P.G.M.	June 12, 1944
New York	Klinck, Jacob Charles, P.G.M.	Oct. 17, 1944
North Dakota	Moses, John, P.G.M.	Mar. 3, 1945
Ohio	Marquis, Frank H., P.G.M.	Feb. 18, 1945
Oregon	Cheney, D. Rufus, Grand Sec.	Jan. 1, 1945
Saskatchewan	Reilly, Francis Bell, P.G.M.	Nov. 22, 1944
Tennessee	Taylor, Walter Mooring, P.G.M.	July 9, 1944
Tennessee	Templeton, Jesse Baldwin, P.G.M.	Jan. 17, 1945
Texas	Fly, William Madden, P.G.M.	June 26, 1944
Vermont	Greene, Edwin Foster, P.G.M.	May 20, 1944
Vermont	Ballou, Rev. Henry Lincoln, P.G.M.	Mar. 4, 1945
Virginia	Turnbull, Needham Stuart Jr., PGM	Mar. 31, 1944
Virginia	Cochran, John Twobig, P.G.M.	June 30, 1944
Virginia	Callahan, Charles H., P.G.M.	July 31, 1944
Washington	Tyler, Horace W., P.G.M., G.S.	Oct. 22, 1944
Wyoming	Cook, Peter S., P.G.M.	Oct. 19, 1944
West Virginia	Bray, Albert Bertram Calfee, PGM	Mar. 12, 1945

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OF
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*"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory won,
Now cometh rest."*

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To the honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction.

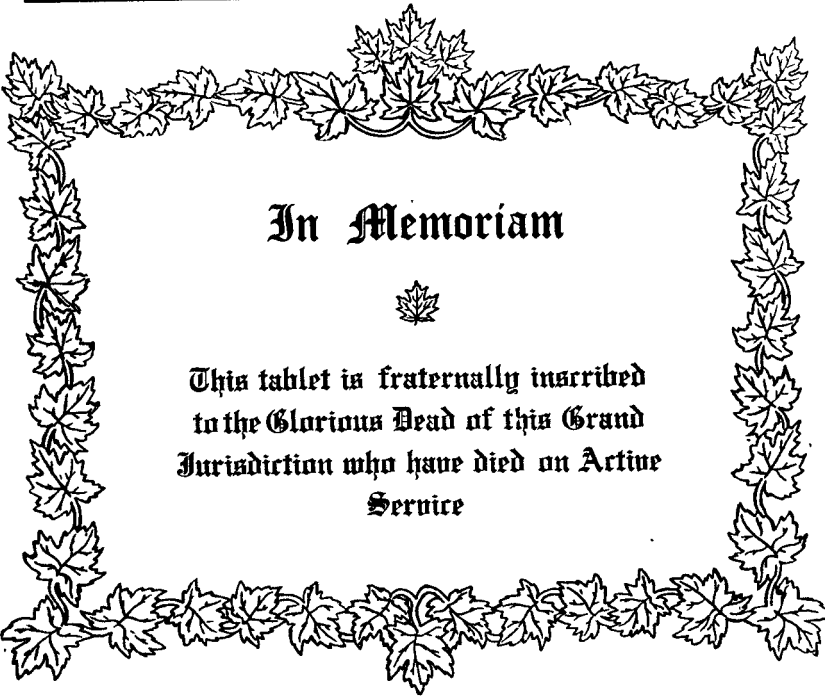
<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Skinner, Thos. John Searle...	Mar. 8, 1944
1.	Bow River	Whitehead, Charles A. W.	May 30, 1944
1.	Bow River	Bouck, Charles.	July 19, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	McKee, Edwin Lowe....	Jan. 15, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Graden, William Richard	April 11, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Cawker, Edwin Morley....	April 29, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Fowler, Elmer Bruce....	May 8, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Yull, Henry Clinton....	Sept. 26, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Ritchie, James	Nov. 2, 1944
2.	Medicine Hat	Patterson, Joseph Russell....	Nov. 5, 1944
3.	Alberta	Pittard, Edward Percy....	June 1, 1944
4.	North Star	Tulloch, Lawrence....	May 29, 1944
5.	Cascade	Birkett, George Alfred....	June 9, 1944
6.	Spitzie	Gray, Michael Dan....	Feb. 11, 1944
7.	Edmonton	Douglas, Henry W. B.	April 6, 1944
7.	Edmonton	McIntyre, James D.	Mar. 22, 1944
7.	Edmonton	Hagen, Sam C....	Sept. 8, 1944
8.	Innisfail	Sigurdson, Thomas....	June 2, 1944
9.	Perfection	Heaton, James William...	May 3, 1944
9.	Perfection	Dichmont, George	Dec. 13, 1944
9.	Perfection	Fordyce, George...	Dec. 24, 1944
9.	Perfection	Spankie, Arthur T.	Sept. 11, 1944
9.	Perfection	Tweedie, Thos. M.	Oct. 5, 1944
9.	Perfection	Wonnacott, Frank Albert	Aug. 4, 1944
9.	Perfection	Gee, William Benjamin....	Dec. 20, 1944
10.	Eureka	Mann, George Edwin....	Mar. 6, 1944
10.	Eureka	Scherrer, John M.	April 28, 1944
10.	Eureka	Price, Alfred Joseph....	May 18, 1944
10.	Eureka	Lamb, Alexander....	Oct. 12, 1944
10.	Eureka	Bruce, Charles Robert....	Dec. 29, 1944
11.	Acacia	Pritchard, William Robert....	Mar. 4, 1944
11.	Acacia	Sheppard, William Henry	Nov. 24, 1944
12.	Red Deer	Boyce, John Franklin Webb	June 11, 1944
12.	Red Deer	Tallman, Francis Hinks....	May 26, 1944
12.	Red Deer	Parsons, Richard	Aug. 25, 1944

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12.	Red Deer.....	MacIntosh, John Elmer.....	Sept. 18, 1944
12.	Red Deer.....	Phillips, William.....	Sept. 27, 1944
14.	Jasper.....	Day, Richard Welsted.....	June 23, 1944
14.	Jasper.....	LeGassick, Francis.....	Oct. 30, 1944
14.	Jasper.....	Smith, Ridgway.....	Nov. 16, 1944
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Black, Jay Burpee.....	Aug. 8, 1943
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	McMillan, Dougal.....	Dec. 1, 1944
16.	Mountain View..	Duff, John.....	Mar. 27, 1944
16.	Mountain View..	Chase, Arthur P.....	July 1, 1944
19.	Cornerstone.....	Fraser, George William.....	Feb. 3, 1944
19.	Cornerstone.....	Taylor, Percy.....	Feb. 7, 1944
19.	Cornerstone.....	McIntyre, Thomas.....	May 4, 1944
19.	Cornerstone.....	Way, William Bertos.....	July 13, 1944
19.	Cornerstone.....	McIndoe, James Clarence.....	Nov. 11, 1944
20.	Carstairs.....	Gough, Alfred Sydney.....	Nov. 18, 1944
21.	King Hiram.....	Fisher, Albert Clifford.....	Jan. 19, 1944
22.	Corinthian.....	Coombe, James.....	Sept. 13, 1944
23.	Calgary.....	Sharpe, Thomas.....	April 30, 1944
23.	Calgary.....	Nelson, Charles George.....	Nov. 15, 1944
24.	Vermilion.....	Graham, John Wesley.....	April 6, 1944
25.	St. John's.....	Armstrong, George Dominion.....	Mar. 15, 1944
26.	Sentinel.....	Emmerson, Charles.....	July 20, 1944
26.	Sentinel.....	Wood, Matthew.....	Aug. 18, 1944
30.	Summit.....	Short, Albert Francis.....	Aug. 13, 1944
34.	Star of the West.	Monsson, Frank Oscar.....	Mar. 6, 1944
34.	Star of the West.	Treadgold, Herbert A. S.....	Aug. 17, 1944
34.	Star of the West.	Essery, Robert Don.....	Dec. 8, 1944
35.	Mizpah.....	Becker, Elijah L.....	1938
35.	Mizpah.....	Elder, Thomas.....	June 4, 1941
35.	Mizpah.....	McComb, Floyd John.....	Dec. 8, 1941
35.	Mizpah.....	Connor, Nathaniel Marshall.....	Sept. 1, 1944
35.	Mizpah.....	Elliott, George Wesley.....	Sept. 22, 1944
36.	Gleichen.....	Forsyth, Herman H.....	Nov. 9, 1944
38.	Hope.....	MacLachlan, Angus Jas. Bismark.....	July 27, 1944
39.	Lethbridge.....	Kane, William John.....	Sept. 24, 1944
39.	Lethbridge.....	Turner, Edmond Alexander.....	Mar. 2, 1942
40.	Joppa.....	Muir, Donald.....	Feb. 1944
40.	Joppa.....	Holding, William.....	Sept. 29, 1944
40.	Joppa.....	Stephenson, Alfred A.....	Dec. 6, 1944

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41.	King Solomon....	Spicer, Samuel.....	Aug. 30, 1944
42.	Bowden.....	Bookless, William.....	July 12, 1944
43.	Tuscan.....	Roddick, George.....	Jan. 8, 1944
43.	Tuscan.....	McGowan, Robert J.....	Feb. 16, 1944
43.	Tuscan.....	Blough, Lewis C. Albert.....	Nov. 27, 1944
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Agnew, George A.....	Mar. 10, 1944
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Patterson, J. J.....	April 1, 1944
44.	Buffalo Park.....	MacLeod, Rod.....	Aug. 26, 1944
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Symes, Ernest Charles.....	Nov. 13, 1944
45.	Ionic.....	Curr, Robert Donald.....	Mar. 7, 1944
45.	Ionic.....	Whiting, Frank C.....	Dec. 19, 1944
47.	Chinook.....	Swart, Archibald Galt Morton.....	Dec. 20, 1944
48.	Crossfield.....	Hall, Artell.....	Mar. 15, 1944
49.	Robert Burns.....	Dayman, William.....	Dec. 24, 1944
51.	Unity.....	Hunter, Alexander.....	July 3, 1944
51.	Unity.....	Vickers, Charles John.....	July 23, 1944
51.	Unity.....	Cook, George.....	Aug. 10, 1944
51.	Unity.....	Airth, William Blair.....	Dec. 24, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Galwey, Robert.....	Feb. 1, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Jones, Arthur Henry.....	Nov. 4, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Lees, Albert.....	Dec. 17, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Vanderburgh, James N.....	Aug. 31, 1944
55.	Bassano....	Mead, Francis Alfred.....	Nov. 12, 1944
59.	King George.....	Cameron, Hector George.....	Jan. 12, 1944
59.	King George.....	Blaylock, John.....	Feb. 3, 1944
59.	King George.....	Burroughs, John.....	July 5, 1944
59.	King George.....	Fairley, James.....	Aug. 2, 1944
59.	King George.....	Head, Richard.....	Dec. 12, 1944
60.	Acme.....	Hotsenpiller, William.....	Jan. 19, 1944
60.	Acme.....	Goodrich, John Raymond.....	Feb. 5, 1944
62.	Melrose.....	Burrows, J. Heber.....	Dec. 3, 1944
63.	Empire.....	Horrocks, William.....	Mar. 20, 1944
63.	Empire.....	Price, Thomas.....	Sept. 5, 1944
64.	Bow Island....	Trebbles, Tom.....	May 7, 1944
67.	Charity.....	Vines, Asa William.....	Oct. 18, 1944
67.	Charity.....	Williams, Thomas.....	July 30, 1944
69.	Connaught.....	Graham, Noble Craig.....	Dec. 1, 1944
73.	Brooks.....	Summerbell, William.....	Mar. 20, 1944
73.	Brooks.....	Nelson, Albin.....	Oct. 12, 1944

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74.	Vulcan	Howes, William Arthur	Mar. 7, 1944
75.	Harmony	Eastly, Arthur LeGrand	April 9, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Kidd, James	May 3, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Bizek, August	Feb. 24, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Butlin, Alfred A.	July 15, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Walker, James G.	Dec. 21, 1944
82.	Acadia	Campbell, George R. W.	May 24, 1944
83.	Zetland	Kerby, Dr. George W.	Feb. 9, 1944
83.	Zetland	West, Albert J.	Mar. 11, 1944
83.	Zetland	Brookes-Avey, William George	Mar. 15, 1944
83.	Zetland	Harris, Richard Crosby	June 19, 1944
83.	Zetland	Neve, Reginald Everett	July 28, 1944
83.	Zetland	Fairbourn, George Edgar	Aug. 4, 1944
83.	Zetland	Lowe, Abram Thomas	Sept. 16, 1944
83.	Zetland	Reynolds, Harry Stone	Dec. 14, 1944
86.	Rocky Mountain	Pinkney, John Frederick Roland	Feb. 26, 1944
87.	Crescent	Rattray, Stephen	April 5, 1944
89.	Peace River	Lampley, William J.	Jan. 7, 1944
89.	Peace River	Trogdon, Ura Wade	July 26, 1944
91.	Patricia	Brockie, William	Jan. 21, 1944
91.	Patricia	Davy, Arthur J.	Jan. 23, 1944
91.	Patricia	McMannis, Reuben Francis	Aug. 13, 1944
91.	Patricia	Roberts, Henry E. T. W.	July 13, 1944
91.	Patricia	Werner, Bernard	Nov. 21, 1944
93.	Symbol	Watkins, James M.	Mar. 26, 1944
93.	Symbol	O'Donnell, Thomas	Mar. 25, 1944
93.	Symbol	Norstrant, James G.	Oct. 26, 1944
94.	Lamont	Coons, LeRoy D.	Aug. 14, 1944
95.	Kitchener	Mowbray, John George	June 1, 1944
98.	Hand Hill	Kennedy, George E.	Feb. 11, 1944
98.	Hand Hill	Morrison, Frederick	1944
100.	Verdigris	Basset, Clarence Austin	1944
101.	West Edmonton	Bridge, Walter	Jan. 20, 1944
101.	West Edmonton	Brown, Harry	May 22, 1944
101.	West Edmonton	McKinnon, Charles A.	June 16, 1944
101.	West Edmonton	Yeadon, John William	Sept. 27, 1944
101.	West Edmonton	McConachie, William Grant	Dec. 23, 1944
102.	Edgerton	Snyder, Stuart Vernon	Mar. 24, 1944
103.	Foremost	Hunt, Harry Bell	Jan. 14, 1944

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
105.	Grande Prairie..	Spaner, Jack.....	Dec. 19, 1944
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	Riggs, Stanley Herbert.....	Jan. 2, 1944
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	Bolin, I. Berger.....	Aug. 14, 1944
111.	Nobleford.....	Ray, Robert Allen.....	Aug. 17, 1944
116.	Spirit River.....	McEwen, Joseph Ernest.....	Mar. 3, 1944
116.	Spirit River.....	Nye, Benjamin Franklin.....	June 19, 1944
117.	Dominion.....	Brown, Harry.....	May 21, 1944
117.	Dominion.....	Withinshaw, Edward.....	Sept. 12, 1944
117.	Dominion.....	Pike, Benjamin.....	Oct. 25, 1944
122.	Rising Sun.....	Derr, Albert.....	Nov. 7, 1944
126.	Pembina.....	Skare, Theodore.....	Sept. 11, 1944
127.	Granite.....	Yerxa, James Winslow.....	Mar. 15, 1944
128.	Forestburg.....	Hooper, Charles Wilbur.....	April 5, 1944
129.	Meridian.....	Jay, Richard Ernest.....	Jan. 3, 1944
130.	Hussar.....	McLeod, Norman L.....	Jan. 3, 1944
130.	Hussar.....	Lawson, Thomas.....	Feb. 18, 1944
134.	Renfrew.....	Canniff, Bertram Ellis.....	Mar. 1, 1944
134.	Renfrew.....	Campbell, William McFarland.....	Mar. 31, 1944
134.	Renfrew.....	Christie, Neil Alexander.....	April 24, 1944
134.	Renfrew.....	Dover, David Bell.....	Oct. 5, 1944
136.	Cresset.....	Clark, Robert Bruce, Sr.....	Feb. 21, 1944
136.	Cresset ..	Henter, Wesley T.....	Oct. 1937
136.	Cresset ..	Fairfield, William Stanley.....	Dec. 1943
141.	Efficiency.....	Lees, James.....	Nov. 23, 1944
142.	Ivanhoe.....	McClung, John Wesley.....	Feb. 16, 1944
145.	St. Alban's.....	Vesey, Eustace Agmondisham de Burgh.....	Feb. 9, 1944
146.	Drumheller ..	Jamieson, Charles Norman.....	Sept. 8, 1944
151.	Lochearn.....	Ellis, Charles Henry.....	July 27, 1944
153.	Whitecourt.....	Govenlock, Thos. G.....	Mar. 26, 1944
156.	Hythe.....	Kingsbury, Jacob Sanders.....	April 29, 1944



In Memoriam



This tablet is fraternally inscribed
to the Glorious Dead of this Grand
Jurisdiction who have died on Active
Service

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
3.	Alberta	Jessup, Capt. Ralph Campbell.	May 2, 1943
6.	Spitzie	Wood, F/O Matthew	Aug. 18, 1944
15.	Wetaskiwin	Black, Major Jay Burpee	Aug. 8, 1943
24.	Vermilion	Munro, Gordon Chapman	Jan. 21, 1944
59.	King George	White, Robert Edwin	Sept. 20, 1944
77.	Stratheona	Cawley, Preston H.	Oct. 14, 1942
81.	Commercial	McNabb, Capt. Donald Robt.	Oct. 1941
81.	Commercial	Weeks, Harry Huestis	April 27, 1942
81.	Commercial	Winser, Frank Scott	Aug. 23, 1942
89.	Peace River	Ridley, James Arthur	June 1942
94.	Lamont	Coons, LeRoy D.	Aug. 14, 1944
98.	Hand Hill	Morrison, Frederick	1944
124.	Concord	MacDonald, Ian Batty	Feb. 5, 1942
125.	Cavell	Simpson, Percy Roy	April 15, 1941
143.	Jasper Park	Morley, William	Nov. 27, 1941
152.	Standard	Ramage, James (R.S.M.)	July 17, 1943

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SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

December 31st, 1943
(Not previously reported)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
33.	Stavely	Parr, Louis K.
96.	Dynamic	Emond, Robert

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

December 31st, 1944

3.	Alberta	Pinder, Sidney James
7.	Edmonton	McLellan, William D.
11.	Acacia	Campbell, Dugald
12.	Red Deer	Stewart, James Moore
14.	Jasper	Mackie, Donald Adam
18.	Britannia	Westgate, Frank
22.	Corinthian	Houghton, Archibald
22.	Corinthian	Newby, Harold Wilson
22.	Corinthian	Visser, Charles
31.	Doric	Brown, George Frederick
41.	King Solomon	Kobylynk, D. F.
44.	Buffalo Park	Hamilton, J. A.
44.	Buffalo Park	Bean, L. E.
44.	Buffalo Park	Thoreson, Howard Payne
46.	Palestine	King, William Charles
51.	Unity	Grant, John Scanlon
54.	Mount Lebanon	Allen, Joseph
54.	Mount Lebanon	Wheatley, Arthur
56.	Beaver	Brown, Harry Bryce
59.	King George	Woods, Bertram
67.	Charity	Dodd, Walter A.
68.	Edson	Bastian, Albert
68.	Edson	Glazier, Arthur Percival
74.	Vulcan	Harris, Eli
87.	Crescent	Neilson, Robert T.
87.	Crescent	Pattison, Frederick G.
91.	Patricia	Taylor, Reginald D.
92.	Saskatchewan	Bryans, William M.
100.	Verdigris	Byersdorf, Frederick
107.	Carbon	Purdy, Reginald Harris
117.	Dominion	Price, Gordon Elgin
117.	Dominion	Sapera, Harry Manual
117.	Dominion	Shaver, Philip Charles
118.	St. Mark's	Pettit, Alfred Charles
123.	Rockyford	Lawrence, Leslie
131.	Kitseoty	Esau, William
133.	Manyberries	Engel, Kurt W. H.
133.	Manyberries	Carlyle, Robert Harold
134.	Renfrew	Rennie, Colin McLeod
143.	Jasper Park	Wylie, Alexander
145.	St. Alban's	Brock, Frank T.
145.	St. Alban's	Valens, Herbert Harper
145.	St. Alban's	Destruhe, Leon George

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
145.	St. Alban's	Field, Benjamin	
145.	St. Alban's	Hobbs, Herbert R.	
145.	St. Alban's	Amdam, Hans	
145.	St. Alban's	Nelson, Alfred	
145.	St. Alban's	Lougheed, George Michael	
154.	Waskatenau	Otteson, Louis M.	

RESTORATIONS

1.	Bow River	Galloway, Arthur R.	May 3, 1944
1.	Bow River	Galbraith, Stewart G.	June 7, 1944
4.	North Star	Hendry, Ian T.	June 9, 1944
5.	Cascade	McWalter, Alfred	Mar. 9, 1944
5.	Cascade	Moss, James Leonard	April 13, 1944
7.	Edmonton	Fowler, Elvin R.	Dec. 12, 1944
8.	Innisfail	Center, William John	June 15, 1944
9.	Perfection	Cooper, Bertram Garrow	Mar. 21, 1944
9.	Perfection	Burns, George	Aug. 15, 1944
9.	Perfection	Roien, Peter	Aug. 15, 1944
9.	Perfection	Taube, Maurice S.	Aug. 15, 1944
12.	Red Deer	Yuill, Alex.	Feb. 8, 1944
14.	Jasper	Keeler, Joseph F. W.	Feb. 14, 1944
16.	Mountain View	Harvey, Arthur L.	July 3, 1944
16.	Mountain View	Patchett, George	Oct. 2, 1944
19.	Cornerstone	Marjerison, Wilfred Lawson	June 15, 1944
19.	Cornerstone	Challard, Harry Melbourne	Dec. 14, 1944
20.	Carstairs	Hickey, Milton	June 8, 1944
22.	Corinthian	Call, Clifford E. G.	Mar. 8, 1944
22.	Corinthian	Boller, Glen William	April 6, 1944
22.	Corinthian	Beck, Charles W.	Sept. 5, 1944
22.	Corinthian	Beck, Charles	Sept. 5, 1944
23.	Calgary	Hughes, Frederick George	April 7, 1944
23.	Calgary	Thomas, Ernest Edward	Feb. 4, 1944
23.	Calgary	Detwiler, Daniel Wm.	Nov. 3, 1944
24.	Vermilion	McInnes, Norman	May 2, 1944
25.	St. John's	Armitage, John Clayton	June 5, 1944
25.	St. John's	Feather, Jonas	July 3, 1944
31.	Doric	Brown, George Frederick	Mar. 1944
32.	Cairo	Dawson, Henry Stewart	Oct. 17, 1944
32.	Cairo	Moffatt, Robert Ernest	Oct. 17, 1944
32.	Cairo	Provan, Ralph	Oct. 17, 1944
34.	Star of the West	Pattison, Peter	Jan. 4, 1944
36.	Gleichen	Saunders, William	Jan. 4, 1944
38.	Hope	Sproule, Charles Ernest	April 7, 1944
38.	Hope	Cooke, Alfred Adam	July 24, 1944
39.	Lethbridge	McKenzie, Leonard	April 30, 1944
43.	Tuscan	Anderson, David C.	Feb. 2, 1944
44.	Buffalo Park	Wilson, E. L.	Mar. 9, 1944
50.	Comet	Affleck, James W.	Oct. 12, 1944
51.	Unity	MacDonald, Thomas William	Feb. 1, 1944
51.	Unity	Bateman, Robert Laurence	June 6, 1944
51.	Unity	McLellan, Robert Grant	Nov. 7, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon	Buck, William James	June 13, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon	Beal, Sydney Thomas	Jan. 11, 1944
54.	Mount Lebanon	Millen, George	June 13, 1944

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
54.	Mount Lebanon	Simpson, Edwin	Mar. 14, 1944
56.	Beaver	Pulton, Thomas Cubit	May 3, 1944
57.	Grassy Lake	Sandy, Joseph Henry	Sept. 14, 1944
61.	Provost	Lee, Alfred Peter	Nov. 15, 1944
63.	Empire	Hart, William Henry	Mar. 20, 1944
63.	Empire	Clarke, Joseph James	Sept. 18, 1944
64.	Bow Island	Blaine, Thomas R.	Sept. 5, 1944
66.	St. Andrew's	Rollason, Harold Ernest	Mar. 9, 1944
67.	Charity	McGregor, Thomas	Feb. 8, 1944
68.	Edson	Arbuckle, John Jr.	Nov. 2, 1944
71.	Tawatinaw	Phillippy, Glenn	May 8, 1944
71.	Tawatinaw	Crawford, Julius S.	May 8, 1944
71.	Tawatinaw	Cordingly, Percy Mark	July 10, 1944
72.	Coronation	Lensgraf, Axel Einert	Feb. 3, 1944
72.	Coronation	Evans, Archie W.	Feb. 3, 1944
76.	Fidelity	Silverthorne, Alex.	June 13, 1944
76.	Fidelity	Scott, William Winter	Oct. 10, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Stevens, Robert Herbert	Mar. 10, 1944
77.	Strathcona	Metcalfe, William J.	April 14, 1944
80.	Excelsior	Keller, Oscar H.	April 6, 1944
82.	Acadia	Pentland, Sifton	May 1, 1944
84.	Champion	Hagg, Oscar	June 8, 1944
87.	Crescent	Kelly, William David	April 11, 1944
90.	Norwood	Duckworth, George	Dec. 12, 1944
91.	Patricia	Hepburn, Henry	Nov. 17, 1944
92.	Saskatchewan	McClory, John Albert	Dec. 7, 1944
92.	Saskatchewan	Mitchell, Andrew	Dec. 7, 1944
93.	Symbol	White, George R.	Feb. 10, 1944
93.	Symbol	Wight, Francis Isaiah	June 8, 1944
96.	Dynamic	Farrell, Richard Borden	Nov. 5, 1944
96.	Dynamic	Granger, Roger Maxwell	Oct. 4, 1944
100.	Verdigris	Erickson, Walter H.	Sept. 19, 1944
101.	West Edmonton	Buxton, William Carol	May 3, 1944
102.	Edgerton	Burton, Christopher Gilbert	Feb. 3, 1944
102.	Edgerton	McLeod, John James	Aug. 7, 1944
104.	Oyen	Shields, John	Jan. 1, 1944
104.	Oyen	Colston, Joseph	Aug. 1, 1944
107.	Carbon	Love, William	July 4, 1944
119.	York	Crouch, Erin Ramsay	Nov. 7, 1944
119.	York	Murray, John Beattie	Dec. 5, 1944
120.	Monitor	Galbraith, John H.	June 20, 1944
120.	Monitor	Bouchard, D.	Dec. 11, 1944
122.	Rising Sun	Shaw, Robert	April 12, 1944
125.	Cavell	Jacobson, Arne	Jan. 20, 1944
129.	Meridian	Robertson, Thomas	Mar. 8, 1944
129.	Meridian	Herbert, George Sharples	Aug. 9, 1944
129.	Meridian	Ingram, Herbert	Dec. 13, 1944
131.	Kitscoty	Esau, William	Dec. 30, 1944
132.	Craigmyle	Sieverding, Clements	Feb. 1, 1944
134.	Renfrew	King, Alfred Edward	April 10, 1944
134.	Renfrew	Ferguson, James Dickie	Dec. 11, 1944
135.	Alliance	Jones, Ernest	Dec. 6, 1944
136.	Cresset	Clark, Robert Bruce, Jr.	June 5, 1944
136.	Cresset	Welsh, Joseph H.	June 5, 1944
136.	Cresset	McLean, Murdo	July 5, 1944

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136.	Cresset.....	Cowie, Jos. R.	Nov. 6, 1944
140.	Big Valley.....	Belkin, Charles Louis.....	May 7, 1944
140.	Big Valley.....	Belkin, Samuel ..	May 7, 1944
140.	Big Valley.....	Cavanaugh, James Perry.....	July 4, 1944
151.	Lochearn.....	Hodson, Lawrence C.	Dec. 14, 1944
151.	Lochearn.....	Graham, Stuart M.	Dec. 27, 1944

Lodge Directory

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Bow River.	E. W. Thomas.	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.	W. H. Williams.	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.	G. R. Davis.	Macleod.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.	W. M. Edwards.	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Cascade.	T. A. Dunsmore.	P. O. Box 70, Banff.	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spirate.	R. Y. Laidlaw.	Fincher Creek.	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.	Lorne Muir.	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.	W. C. A. Watt.	Innisfail.	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection.	C. S. Evans.	522-19th Ave. W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.	Gilbert T. Jackson.	Lacombe.	Second Tuesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.	S. Percy Dalton.	P. O. Box 190, Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.	A. J. H. Chamberlin.	Red Deer.	Second Wednesday in each month.
13.	Victoria.	F. H. Walton.	10434-144th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
14.	Jasper.	H. Sandilands.	Fort Saskatchewan.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
15.	Weskiwin.	Harry G. Smith.	Wetaskiwin.	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.	W. D. Craig.	Olds.	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton.	Dr. G. E. McKeage.	Nanton.	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia.	G. D. Noble.	Ponoka.	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornestone.	J. F. Casteel.	High River.	First Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.	J. W. Munro.	P. O. Box 61, Carstairs.	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.	H. Morgan.	Didsbury.	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.	Dr. A. E. Ardiel.	Okotoks.	First Friday in each month.
23.	Calgary.	J. A. McBurney.	P. O. Box 416, Calgary.	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.	H. J. Payne.	Vermilion.	First Monday in each month.
25.	St. John's.	Wm. H. Beacom.	Vegreville.	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.	Fred Padgett.	Bellevue.	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo.	W. K. Anderson.	Stettler.	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.	F. Bentley.	333-21st Ave. W., Calgary.	First Monday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth.	J. Cuthbertson.	Red Deer.	Second Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit.	M. W. Cooke.	Coleman.	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric.	Wesley G. Smith.	P. O. Box 541, Taber.	First Thursday in each month.
32.	Cairo.	Chas. S. Gaskel.	Clareholm.	Second Tuesday in each month.
33.	Slavely.	A. C. Patterson.	Slavely.	Third Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West.	Harvey F. Chittick.	Leduc.	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Miraph.	Jas. Henderson.	Box 272, Gleichen.	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen.	A. F. MacCallum.	Camrose.	First Tuesday in each month.
37.	Camrose.	F. F. Bailey.	Camrose.	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope.	W. N. Crooks.	Mannville.	First Tuesday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge.	E. J. Rosatter.	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
40.	Joppa.	O. H. Edwarch.	Granum.	Third Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon.....	A. H. O'Keefe.....	Cochrane.....	Third Thursday in each month.
42.	Bowen.....	W. J. Henderson.....	Bowden.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Wheat.....	Wm. G. Gair.....	Killam.....	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park.....	J. Robinson.....	Wainwright.....	Second Thursday in each month.
45.	Ionis.....	R. W. Whitfield.....	Alir.....	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine.....	A. B. Clutterham.....	Telford.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook.....	M. A. Murphy.....	Cowley.....	Third Monday in each month.
48.	Crossfield.....	William Laut.....	Crossfield.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns.....	F. J. Whitmarsh.....	Carmanagay.....	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet.....	W. H. McPherson.....	Hardisty.....	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity.....	J. Booth.....	9250-108th Ave., Edmonton.....	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore.....	D. A. Perry.....	Strathmore.....	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon.....	W. M. Spark.....	1539-8th Ave. E., Calgary.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Beaver.....	H. H. Beeber.....	Basano.....	Second Thursday in each month.
55.	Grassy Lake.....	T. A. Marshall.....	Castor.....	First Wednesday in each month.
56.	Chief Mountain.....	Mark Hancock.....	Grassy Lake.....	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	King George.....	Wm. Betts.....	P. O. Box 11, Cardston.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	Protest.....	H. Whittred.....	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary.....	Third Friday in each month.
59.	Acme.....	J. C. Smith.....	Acme.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Empire.....	A. W. Fiske.....	Provost.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Marland.....	H. E. Molstad.....	Bawlf.....	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Diamond City.....	J. Martland.....	9618-105th St., Edmonton.....	Third Monday in each month.
63.	St. Andrew's.....	Henry G. Jenkins.....	P. O. Box 11, Cardston.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
64.	Charity.....	W. J. Taylor.....	924-7th St. S., Lethbridge.....	First Thursday in each month.
65.	Connaught.....	W. M. Martin.....	Trochu.....	Second Thursday in each month.
66.	Quarry.....	A. H. Dakin.....	431-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge.....	Third Monday in each month.
67.	Tawatinaw.....	M. Hansen.....	Edson.....	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Coronation.....	J. R. W. Carr.....	Viking.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
69.	Brooks.....	Sydney C. Ward.....	Box 242, Redcliff.....	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Vulcan.....	H. L. Staples.....	Meanook.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
71.	Harmony.....	Chas. S. Galbraith.....	Coronation.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
72.	Fidelity.....	D. D. McQueen.....	Vulcan.....	First Tuesday in each month.
73.	Strathcona.....	C. E. Blakeney.....	Sedgewick.....	Second Monday in each month.
74.	Hanna.....	Harry Ford.....	Bashaw.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
75.	Morning Star.....	H. C. Neal.....	10939-81st Ave., Edmonton.....	Second Friday in each month.
76.	Excelsior.....	W. C. Reed.....	Lougheed.....	First Monday in each month.
77.	Commercial.....	Harold Lindsay Jordan.....	Box 35, Strone.....	Third Thursday in each month.
78.	Acadia.....	H. V. Phipps.....	9904-103rd Street, Edmonton.....	First Thursday in each month.
79.	Zetland.....	W. S. Cummings.....	Youngstown.....	First Saturday in each month.
80.	Champion.....	Geo. Cromie.....	206 Anderson Apts., Calgary.....	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
81.		W. A. McIntyre.....	Champion.....	First Thursday in each month.
82.				Second Thursday in each month.
83.				
84.				

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86.	Rocky Mountain.	D. MacPherson.	P. O. Box 181, Blairmore.	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crescent.	M. Currie.	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpin.	Henry H. Reynolds.	High Prairie.	Second Thursday in each month.
89.	Peace River.	T. A. Norris.	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood.	J. I. Bradley.	12045-85th St., Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia.	J. L. Mellis.	Box 491, Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan.	George W. Emery.	13613-107th Ave., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol.	Thos Campbell.	Box 352, Drumheller.	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Kitchener.	A. H. Barrett.	Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Lemont.	H. N. Taylor.	Himbeey.	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynanic.	D. H. Allan.	Holmen.	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion.	Sidney Chandler.	Ribstone.	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hall Hill.	D. H. Campbell.	Beala.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
100.	Verdigria.	Gerald L. Berry.	Warner.	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton.	W. Reg Hornar.	1157-97th Street, Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton.	F. F. Mitchell.	Edgerton.	First Monday in each month.
103.	Foremost.	T. A. Renard.	Foremost.	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oyen.	Charles Stewart.	Oyen.	First Tuesday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie.	W. H. Parker.	Grande Prairie.	Second Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatoon.	C. H. Cowpar.	Wembley.	First Thursday in each month.
107.	Pyramid.	W. A. Baskner.	Carbon.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Kilwinning.	John G. Steeves.	Lomond.	Third Tuesday in each month.
110.	Nobleford.	I. Richards.	Lumsire.	Third Monday in each month.
111.	Cyprus.	E. Roberts.	Box 95, Three Hills.	Second Tuesday in each month.
112.	Westlock.	Wm. Harte.	Westlock.	First Thursday in each month.
113.	Croesus.	W. J. McCullough.	Chinook.	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
114.	Spirit River.	J. M. Fildes.	Spirit River.	Third Monday in each month.
115.	Dominion.	W. W. Watt.	11345-66th St., Edmonton.	Second Wednesday in each month.
116.	St. Mark's.	Geo. A. J. Bracken.	133-15th Avenue East, Calgary.	Second Monday in each month.
117.	York.	Geo. A. Thompson.	Box 301, Lethbridge.	First Tuesday in each month.
118.	Monitor.	M. A. Van Horn.	Consort.	Second Monday in each month.
119.	Rising Sun.	Robt. A. Young.	Standard.	Second Wednesday in each month.
120.	Rockyford.	Norman P. Bragg.	Calgary.	Fourth Monday in each month.
121.	Concord.	Gilbert Tremere.	314-26th Ave. W., Calgary.	First Saturday in each month.
122.	Cavell.	C. W. Storey.	Delburne.	Third Monday in each month.
123.	Pembina.	J. A. Kneek.	Sanguo.	First Monday in each month.
124.	Granite.	H. Andrews.	Blackie.	First Wednesday in each month.
125.	Forestburg.	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Forestburg.	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
126.	Meridian.	Jas. Malloch.	Stony Plain.	Second Wednesday in each month.
127.	Husar.	H. B. Stitt.	Kussar.	Second Monday in each month.
128.	Kitscoty.	Joseph Batty.	Kitscoty.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
129.	Craigville.	A. W. Read.	Calgary.	Third Thursday in each month.
130.	Manyberries.	J. M. Underdahl.	Manyberries.	

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134.	Renfrew.....	C. S. B. Laith.....	616-23rd Ave. W., Calgary.	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance.....	P. R. Elliott.....	Manyberries.....	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Crescent.....	J. A. Gow.....	Barons.....	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana.....	B. C. Henricks.....	Irricana.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway.....	E. T. Longman.....	Onoway.....	First Wednesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley.....	Frank Dewar.....	Big Valley.....	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency.....	J. H. Cochrane.....	Hughenden.....	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe.....	J. Madill.....	Box 113, Jasper.....	Third Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park.....	E. A. Shaw.....	Irma.....	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Gration.....	I. S. Reeds.....	St. Paul, Box 107.....	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's.....	W. G. Fuller.....	Box 381, Drumheller.....	Fourth Saturday in each month.
146.	Drumheller.....	Jas Somers.....	Fairview.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland.....	D. Mackie.....	Mayerthorpe.....	Second Monday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	E. J. Holbrook.....	Rocky Mountain House.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
151.	Lecheam.....	F. Horne.....	Standard.....	Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Whitecourt.....	F. D. Knowlton.....	Box 37, Whitecourt.....	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Waskatenau.....	J. Stanley Govenlock.....	Waskatenau.....	First Thursday in each month.
154.	Hythe.....	R. M. Clark.....	Beaver Lodge.....	First Wednesday in each month.
156.	Sharon.....	A. H. Abbott.....	Iron Springs.....	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Berry Creek.....	Hugh Arthur.....	Carolside.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Lacarne.....	K. V. Solberg.....	Vauxhall.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Sexsmith.....	Colin F. Dewhurst.....	Sexsmith.....	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Empress.....	L. R. Ganev.....	Empress.....	First Tuesday in each month.
161.		David Lush.....		Last Thursday in each month.

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1	Bow River.....	192	4	2	2	3	2	3			3	195	3	
2	Medicine Hat....	237	12	11	9	2		1			7	243	6	
3	Alberta.....	75	5	7	5			1	1		1	77	2	
4	North Star.....	173	11	10	10	1	1	2			1	183	10	
5	Cascade.....	128	9	8	8		2	3			1	135	7	
6	Spitzie.....	* 83	2	4	3	1		2			1	83		
7	Edmonton.....	225	10	10	11	4	1		1		3	236	11	
8	Innisfail.....	66	10	12	8	2	1	1			1	77	11	
9	Perfection.....	273	16	16	18	3	4				7	289	16	
10	Eureka.....	91	1					1			5	86		5
11	Acacia.....	* 207	11	12	12	10		2	1		2	223	16	
12	Red Deer.....	94	8	9	10	7	1		1		5	104	10	
13	Victoria.....	37	3	3	1							40	3	
14	Jasper.....	112	7	5	4	1	1	1	1		3	116	4	
15	Wetaskiwin.....	82	1	1	1	2					2	83	1	
16	Olds.....	66	10	9	9	4	2	4			2	76	10	
17	Nanton.....	78	6	7	6	1		2				83	5	
18	Britannia.....	79	7	8	8	3		1	1			87	8	
19	Cornerstone.....	128	10	8	8	3	2	1			5	137	9	
20	Carstairs.....	27	2	1		3	1	1			1	31	4	
21	King Hiram.....	63	1	1	1			1			1	62		1
22	Corinthian.....	125	4	4	5	2	4	1	3		1	130	5	
23	Calgary.....	157	3	3	3	2	3	4			2	159	2	
24	Vermilion.....	108	10	9	7		1	2			1	116	8	
25	St. John's.....	87	3	3	3	2	2				1	91	4	
26	Sentinel.....	59	3	3	3	1					2	61	2	
27	Apollo.....	86	2	2	2	3						91	5	
28	Ashlar.....	132	8	8	8			2				138	6	
29	Kenilworth.....	88	4	4	3	2		1				93	5	
30	Summit.....	50	3	3	3						1	52	2	
31	Doric.....	56	6	4	4	1	1	2	1			61	5	
32	Cairo.....	74	15	13	13	1	3	3			1	89	15	
33	Stavely.....	48	2	2	2				1			49	1	
34	Star of the West	57				1	1	2			3	54		3
35	Mizpah.....	139	10	10	10	2		1			5	145	6	
36	Gleichen.....	67	4	5	8	1	1				1	72	5	
37	Camrose.....	* 91	2	1	1	2		2				93	2	
38	Hope.....	35	4	4	4	1	2	1			1	40	5	
39	Lethbridge.....	* 130	7	7	7	1	1					138	8	
40	Joppa.....	* 25	3	3	3						3	25		
41	King Solomon...	43	5	6	6			1	1		1	45	2	
42	Bowden.....	48	1	1	1	2					1	50	2	
43	Tuscan.....	42					1				3	40		2
44	Buffalo Park...	53	1	1	1	2	1		3		4	50		3

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45	Ionic	54	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	56	2	..
46	Palestine	47	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	49	2	..
47	Chinook	33	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	31	..	2
48	Crossfield	46	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	44	..	2
49	Robert Burns	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	..	1
50	Comet	28	4	4	4	2	1	1	..	..	..	34	6	..
51	Unity	306	13	14	14	4	3	5	1	..	4	316	10	..
53	Strathmore	73	7	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	81	8	..
54	Mount Lebanon	142	9	8	6	..	4	2	2	..	4	147	5	..
55	Bassano	52	9	8	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	60	8	..
56	Beaver	51	4	4	3	1	1	4	1	..	..	52	1	..
57	Grassy Lake	37	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	38	1	..
58	Chief Mountain	35	4	5	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	42	7	..
59	King George	245	6	9	9	6	..	1	1	..	5	250	5	..
60	Acme	48	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	45	..	3
61	Provost	45	1	..	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	48	3	..
62	Melrose	47	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	47	..	..
63	Empire	84	9	9	9	..	2	3	..	..	2	90	6	..
64	Bow Island	62	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	65	3	..
65	Diamond City	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..
66	St. Andrew's	53	2	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	55	2	..
67	Charity	* 55	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	..	2	54	..	1
68	Edson	149	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	..	..	152	3	..
69	Connaught	30	8	9	9	2	..	1	..	..	1	38	8	..
70	Quarry	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..
71	Tawatinaw	27	6	5	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	37	10	..
72	Coronation	51	8	7	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	60	9	..
73	Brooks	91	14	13	9	..	..	2	..	..	2	101	10	..
74	Vulcan	76	3	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	1	78	2	..
75	Harmony	31	2	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	32	1	..
76	Fidelity	66	2	4	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	69	3	..
77	Strathcona	145	3	3	3	3	2	2	..	..	4	147	2	..
78	Hanna	89	6	6	5	1	..	3	..	..	..	93	4	..
79	Morning Star	30	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	4	..
80	Excelsior	19	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	19	..	..
91	Commercial	134	8	8	8	5	..	2	..	..	..	145	11	..
82	Acadia	36	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	35	..	1
83	Zetland	208	6	6	6	2	..	3	..	..	8	205	..	3
84	Champion	36	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	37	1	..
86	Rocky Mountain	51	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	54	3	..
87	Crescent	166	9	9	9	11	1	2	2	..	1	182	16	..
88	Wahpun	44	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	49	5	..
89	Peace River	69	6	6	6	2	..	1	..	..	2	74	5	..
90	Norwood	80	7	4	4	3	1	1	..	..	..	90	10	..

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91	Patricia	200	10	7	7	..	1	3	1	..	5	202	2	..
92	Saskatchewan	98	6	6	6	3	2	..	1	..	..	108	10	..
93	Symbol	* 146	6	7	6	2	2	1	..	..	3	152	6	..
94	Lamont	39	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	41	2	..
95	Kitchener	28	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	28	..	..
96	Dynamic	33	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	35	2	..
97	Albion	40	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1	..
98	Hand Hill	54	6	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	2	59	5	..
100	Verdigris	* 39	14	11	9	1	1	..	1	..	1	53	14	..
101	West Edmonton	106	10	6	7	1	1	1	..	..	5	112	6	..
102	Edgerton	37	4	7	6	..	2	2	..	..	1	40	3	..
103	Foremost	43	7	8	3	2	..	1	..	..	1	50	7	..
104	Oyen	59	3	5	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	63	4	..
105	Grande Prairie	75	4	4	4	5	..	..	..	..	1	83	8	..
106	Lake Saskatoon	44	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	1	..
107	Carbon	55	7	6	6	1	1	1	1	..	..	62	7	..
108	Pyramid	26	6	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	6	..
110	Kilwinning	24	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	26	2	..
111	Nobleford	27	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	28	1	..
113	Cyprus	36	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	39	3	..
114	Westlock	46	5	1	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	52	6	..
115	Crocus	43	1	2	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	41	..	2
116	Spirit River	49	14	12	11	1	..	1	..	..	2	61	12	..
117	Dominion	* 111	3	7	7	1	..	1	3	..	3	108	..	3
118	St. Mark's	94	9	9	9	..	..	1	1	..	..	101	7	..
119	York	89	3	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	95	6	..
120	Monitor	29	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	32	3	..
122	Rising Sun	30	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	30	..	..
123	Rockyford	36	9	5	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	45	9	..
124	Concord	112	9	9	8	3	..	2	..	..	..	122	10	..
125	Cavell	33	9	9	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	43	10	..
126	Pembina	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	28	..	1
127	Granite	70	7	5	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	75	5	..
128	Forestburg	34	6	5	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	39	5	..
129	Meridian	39	14	11	9	..	3	..	..	..	1	55	16	..
130	Hussar	45	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	1	..
131	Kitscoty	32	6	6	6	1	..	..	1	..	..	39	7	..
132	Craigmyle	22	8	9	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	31	9	..
133	Manyberries	38	1	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	37	..	1
134	Renfrew	107	6	6	6	3	2	2	1	..	4	111	4	..
135	Alliance	22	4	5	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	29	7	..
136	Cresset	29	1	1	1	2	4	1	..	..	3	32	3	..
137	Irricana	61	5	6	7	1	..	2	..	..	..	65	4	..
138	Onoway	25	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	25	..	..

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140	Big Valley . . .	44	3	1	1	1	3	3	.	.	.	48	4	.
141	Efficiency . . .	33	8	8	8	.	.	.	.	.	1	40	7	.
142	Ivanhoe . . .	154	6	6	6	2	.	1	.	.	1	160	6	.
143	Jasper Park . . .	* 87	9	11	11	2	.	1	1	.	.	96	9	.
144	Gratton . . .	27	3	3	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	31	4	.
145	St. Alban's . . .	46	.	.	.	.	.	2	8	.	1	35	.	11
146	Drumheller . . .	70	2	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	71	1	.
147	Northland . . .	47	8	8	3	.	.	3	.	.	.	52	5	.
148	Mayerthorpe . . .	34	2	4	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	35	1	.
151	Lochearn . . .	74	5	6	3	3	2	2	.	.	1	81	7	.
152	Standard . . .	21	5	7	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	26	5	.
153	Whitecourt . . .	33	5	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	1	37	4	.
154	Waskatenau . . .	20	3	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	22	2	.
156	Hythe . . .	36	7	6	5	2	.	.	.	.	1	44	8	.
157	Sharon . . .	33	2	3	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	34	1	.
158	Berry Creek . . .	34	6	3	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	39	5	.
159	Lucerne . . .	22	5	5	5	.	.	2	.	.	.	25	3	.
160	Sexsmith . . .	32	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	.	.
UD	Empress . . .	.	.	.	.	21	.	.	.	.	.	21	21	.
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Illinois.....	W. Bro. Geo. P. Ellis, Chicago.....	R. W. Bro. W. R. Wilson, Edmonton.
Indiana.....	M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Swints, Indianapolis.....	R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Calgary.
Iowa.....		
Ireland.....	W. Bro. J. S. Hamilton, Donegal.....	R. W. Bro. W. E. Hall, Calgary.
Kansas.....	W. Bro. Leo N. Giah, Iola.....	M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Calgary.
Kentucky.....	W. Bro. Fred L. Bellou, Richmond.....	R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Calgary.
Louisiana.....	R. W. Bro. Clarence H. Shaddock, Lake Charles.....	R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Innisfail.
Maine.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. D. Bruce, Newport.....	R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin, Edmonton.
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Maryland.....	W. Bro. Martin H. Kinsinger, Silver Spring.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts, Cardston.
Massachusetts.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Chishelm, Mexico City.....	M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Cardston.
Mexico (York G. L.).....	R. W. Bro. H. M. Campbell, Mexico City.....	M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruckshank, Hillcrest.
Michigan.....	W. Bro. Raymond A. West, Croswell.....	V. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Olds.
Minnesota.....	W. Bro. E. J. Simons, St. Paul.....	M. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison, Vermilion.
Mississippi.....	W. Bro. H. D. Corley, Clarksville.....	R. W. Bro. John Peterson, Edmonton.
Missouri.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. C. Rees, St. Louis.....	M. W. Bro. A. West, Edmonton.
Montana.....	W. Bro. J. W. Speers, Great Falls.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Brasher, Carbon.
Nabaska.....	W. Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysses.....	V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield, Edmonton.
Nevada.....	W. Bro. Alfred J. Proctor, Ely.....	R. W. Bro. Frank V. Truesdale, Calgary.

Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Alberta	To Grand Lodge of Alberta
New Brunswick.....	W. Bro. Peter Fraser, Charlco.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod, Edmonton.
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New Jersey.....	R. W. Bro. John R. Wilkie, S. Orange.....	R. W. Bro. M. J. Macleod, Edmonton.
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New South Wales.....	W. Bro. W. T. Wright, Hurstville, Sidney.....	M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Calgary.
New York.....	W. Bro. Leonard O. Gould, Rochester.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Edmonton.
New Zealand.....	R. W. Bro. R. W. Stiles, Nelson.....	R. W. Bro. Colin Allan, Edmonton.
North Carolina.....	R. W. Bro. G. C. Ward, Biltmore.....	R. W. Bro. W. F. Juffer, Lacombe.
North Dakota.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Hutchison, Fargo.....	R. W. Bro. F. G. Galbraith, Red Deer.
Norway.....	R. W. Bro. A. B. Lauritzen, P.O. Box 392, Oslo.....	R. W. Bro. Hans Färvolden, Forestburg.
Nova Scotia.....	R. W. Bro. Geoffrey Stevens, Halifax.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Calgary.
Ohio.....	R. W. Bro. Herman N. George, Youngstown.....	M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Onoka.
Oklahoma.....	R. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Perry.....	R. W. Bro. G. S. Armstrong, Edmonton.
Oregon.....	R. W. Bro. Edward L. York, Portland.....	R. W. Bro. Jas. McGhee, Brooks.
Paraba, Brazil.....	R. W. Bro. Joao G. Coelho, Joao Pessoa.....	W. Bro. G. W. Bureau, Calgary.
Pennsylvania.....		
Peru.....	R. W. Bro. Pedro F. Roda, Lima.....	R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephensen, Red Deer.
Philippine Islands.....		R. W. Bro. Harry Ford, Bashaw.
Prince Edward Island.....	W. Bro. Geo. R. Brady, Charlottetown.....	R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, Hanna.
Puerto Rico.....		R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, Calgary.
Quebec.....	R. W. Bro. C. W. Henry, Cowansville.....	M. W. Bro. M. J. Downey, Edmonton.
Queensland.....	R. W. Bro. Frederick Wm. Buckham, Brisbane.....	R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, Blairmore
Rhode Island.....	W. Bro. J. D. Nelson, Providence.....	R. W. Bro. R. J. Gaunt, Edmonton.
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Roumania (United).....		W. Bro. T. E. Donald, Calgary.
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Scotland.....	V. W. Bro. Jas. Sime, Waterton, Edinburgh.....	R. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Edmonton.
South Australia.....	R. W. Bro. L. D. Cowling, Adelaide.....	R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, Edmonton.
South Carolina.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. I. Whetall, Orangeburg.....	R. W. Bro. A. Davison, Calgary.
South Dakota.....	R. W. Bro. A. C. Warner, Springfield.....	R. W. Bro. D. Pennan, Edmonton.
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Tasmania.....	V. W. Bro. A. H. Weedon, W. Tamar.....	R. W. Bro. Percy Cull, Lethbridge.
Tennessee.....	W. Bro. Luther E. Davis, Springfield.....	R. W. Bro. D. M. McHenry, Edmonton.
Texas.....	W. Bro. R. O. Best, Corpus Christi.....	M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Edmonton.
Utah.....	W. Bro. Alex. E. Eberhardt, Salt Lake City.....	M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Edmonton.
Venezuela.....	R. W. Bro. M. S. Fria, Caracas.....	R. W. Bro. W. C. Agat, Greal.
Vermont.....	W. Bro. Rev. Chas. S. Jones, Burlington.....	R. W. Bro. John Booth, Edmonton.
Victoria.....	V. W. Bro. H. S. Smith, Melbourne.....	R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, Calgary.
Virginia.....	Bro. Frank F. Champion, Norfolk.....	R. W. Bro. Jas. Murray, Olds.
Washington.....	W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma.....	M. W. Bro. T. F. English, Calgary.
Western Australia.....	W. Bro. Campbell A. Hendry, Claremont.....	V. W. Bro. F. W. Rymer, Edmonton.
West Virginia.....	M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flag, Parkersburg.....	R. W. Bro. A. D. Cunningham, Calgary.
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Wyoming.....		

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. A. J. Learmonth (70)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John L. Little (7)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Elmer Finkle (18)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. T. Wright (50)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Melrose.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. N. Ralph (33)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Albert Wright (67)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. M. MacMillan (47)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Frank Swallow (40)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Consort
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Rumsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. George Edgecombe (63)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Eric A. Thurlow (127)

No. 49	Robert Burr.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. M. Beckwith (91)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Stratheona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Verner Maurice (88)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. I. J. Olsen (98)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress.....	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. H. Van Wart (60)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. R. Sutherland (146)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. E. Miller (97)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be.
Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings 1936.

43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

48. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in

error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. [Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.
Proceedings, 1939.
53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.
54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.
56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England.
Proceedings, 1941.
57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months' residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.
58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada:

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REVIEWS

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED FOR 1945 AND AS INDICATED

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| 1. Alabama | 31. New York --1943 |
| 2. Arizona | 32. New York-- 1944 |
| 3. British Columbia | 33. New Zealand |
| 4. California | 34. North Carolina |
| 5. Canada | 35. North Dakota |
| 6. Colorado | 36. Nova Scotia |
| 7. Connecticut | 37. Ohio |
| 8. Delaware | 38. Oklahoma |
| 9. England | 39. Oregon |
| 10. Florida | 40. Pennsylvania |
| 11. Georgia | 41. Prince Edward Island |
| 12. Idaho | 42. Quebec |
| 13. Illinois | 43. Queensland |
| 14. Indiana | 44. Rhode Island |
| 15. Iowa | 45. Saskatchewan |
| 16. Ireland | 46. Scotland |
| 17. Kansas | 47. South Australia |
| 18. Kentucky | 48. South Carolina |
| 19. Louisiana | 49. South Dakota |
| 20. Maine | 50. Tasmania |
| 21. Manitoba | 51. Tennessee |
| 22. Maryland | 52. Utah |
| 23. Massachusetts | 53. Vermont |
| 24. Minnesota | 54. Victoria |
| 25. Mississippi | 55. Virginia |
| 26. Missouri | 56. Washington |
| 27. Montana | 57. Western Australia |
| 28. Nebraska | 58. West Virginia |
| 29. Nevada | 59. Wisconsin |
| 30. New Brunswick | 60. Wyoming |

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, Birmingham, Alabama, on December 5th and 6th, 1944. The Grand Master M. W. Bro. William E. James was serving his second term as Grand Master, having been re-elected to that high office the year previous. He gave an address provocative of sober thought and due reflection. In part he said, "the present war has produced and will produce much that is of value. Invention and discovery are stimulated. Great discoveries are being made in medicine, surgery, psychology and sociology. The war is responsible for a great spiritual revival: it is making men seek church and religion as they have never before—it is responsible for an outpouring of the giving spirit, manifested in Red Cross contributions, the giving of blood to the blood plasma banks. . . . From the dread horrors of war come new conceptions of brotherly love and relief."

The membership of this Grand Lodge is 38,892, the gain for the year being 5,430.

Before Grand Lodge formally opened, the brethren visited the Alabama Masonic Home, where they were entertained by the Superintendent and residents, visited the buildings, inspected the repair work which had been done and the various workings, operations and activities at the Home.

Alberta's representative to this Grand Lodge, Bro. George Newell, answered the roll call of representatives.

Again referring to the activities of the Grand Master, mention must be made of the fact that during his year of office he sent out many circular letters to the lodges indicative of much pensiveness on his part. The opening paragraph of one read as follows: "A challenge to Masonry is at hand—there are vast numbers of our Brother Masons who have been called into the military service of our great country and this aspect becomes more acute of recent months, because of the fact a great many of the men that have been inducted into the service now have families of children, and the result is the care and association of father is being taken away from these young people. Are we, as Brother Masons, contacting these mothers and these children, with a view to lending them such aid as we should, and as they need? The youth delinquency at this age is a tremendous problem, largely brought about on account of this war. Will we allow these children that are left by these fathers, or Brother Masons, or neighbors, fall by the wayside?"

In another circular letter he stresses the importance of National Bible Week, October 5th to 19th, 1944.

A special dispensation was issued during the term, enabling one of the lodges to meet in the City Hall of their town, due to the fact that their temple had been burned down. He also issued a warrant for a Masonic Study Club in Birmingham, Alabama, for the purpose of studying the work and conferring of degrees.

In his report on jurisprudence the Grand Master draws a number of conclusions which he frames into questions. One or two of the several are quoted herewith: "What part can Freemasonry play in

the hearts of men in a mad and war-torn world?" "What can Freemasonry do to make better the peace of tomorrow?" "These questions must be answered each for himself, for no other answer will do. Most men will follow good leadership far—most men will follow inspired leadership while strength lasts. Here, however, only a united opinion will follow the greatest and most inspired leadership to the end of the road. . . . This, then, is what Freemasonry can do—Freemasonry can bring the comfort of assurance; it can bring the certainty of a better life to come, not only in the next world, but in this. It can tell the mighty story which the race has writ in history for thousands of years."

The Grand Master's listeners must have received a great impetus from the various proceedings.

E. G. E.

ARIZONA

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was held at Phoenix, Arizona, on April 12th and 13th, 1944.

All meetings were presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albert R. Buchman.

From Sister Grand Jurisdictions five distinguished brethren were presented to the Grand Master. Eighteen Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Arizona were present and welcomed by the Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. George Peacock, newly appointed by the Grand Master.

An interesting letter was received by the Grand Master from his son, Harry, on active service. Sentiments expressed were a credit to both father and son.

The Grand Master's Address, after welcoming the Brethren, started on the question, "What is Wrong with Masonry?" and he suggested that if something is wrong, it must be found in our very own individual lack or refusal to assume a personal responsibility to Masonry. Are we doing what we could to brighten the lives of those around us? If so, we would be doing Masonry a service, and bring us a little closer in the effort to uplift humanity.

Regret was expressed at the removal from Arizona of the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Charles E. Bellis, necessitating his retirement from office.

The Grand Master reported that he had written a personal letter to each one of his brethren in the armed services.

He also stressed the need for more alertness, coupled with care, in keeping our present brethren, and bringing into our Order those interested and of good report.

The Grand Master intimated that it was his belief that it might be necessary to form an organization to bring the aims of the Masonic Order more definitely before the general public. He suggested that

a position should be created for a man to organize the whole jurisdiction to spread service to the Mason and his family.

The Grand Master mentioned that during his year of office, two of his sons had joined the Order, thus joining his eldest son who had for four years been a member.

The Committee, on the Grand Master's Address, reported, as was evident to everyone, that there was presented to the Annual Communication, some of the most important matters that have been brought before it for many years, showing a deep study of, and familiarity with Masonic matters.

The Grand Lecturer in his report, made use of the following paragraph, to which we all say "Amen":

"Sometime, in the not too distant future, when by God's grace this old world, now so terribly shaken, torn, upset and unstable, may return to its senses, may we all be allowed to meet together again with that great number of new men who have sought our portals during the past two years, and with them plan a better world, one actuated by the principles of love rather than of hate, one in which the great principles of a free democracy, for which we are now fighting, are in fact a reality; one in which those truly Masonic ornaments, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will be not only beautiful words, but will become the pole stars, the guiding lights in the lives of men everywhere."

The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts to General Fund of \$18,798.00 and a surplus Excess of Assets over Liabilities of \$473,330.00.

Lodges, 39. Membership, 5,882. Gain, 381.

M. W. Brother James C. Maloney, Grand Master.

Grand Secretary—V. W. Brother Harry A. Drachman.

F.P.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in Vancouver on June 23rd and 24th, 1944, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Brown presiding. All of the principal officers were present as were twelve Past Grand Masters and no less than 88 Past District Deputy Grand Masters. Alberta's Grand Representative W. Bro. D. D. Munro was among the Grand Representatives present and welcomed. M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis is the Grand Representative of British Columbia in Alberta. Two distinguished visitors were introduced and welcomed—our M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley of Alberta and R. W. Bro. Fred W. Hartman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

M. W. Bro. Dr. Brown requires no introduction to the brethren in Alberta, he being our guest speaker last year in Edmonton. His address to his Grand Lodge was just as masterful as was the address he gave us on the occasion he visited us. He had a very busy year and apparently did not spare himself as he made more than 50 official visits to widely

scattered places in his jurisdiction, also to Washington, U.S.A., and to our Annual Communication in Alberta. We now have a little personal claim on him inasmuch as we elected him as one of our esteemed Honorary Past Grand Masters. From Dr. Brown's splendid address I would like to quote the following paragraph: "It must not be overlooked, however, that the Fatherhood of God is not simply a doctrine. The world is full of doctrines and dogmas. It is fundamentally a great experience, a solid conviction, something that actually influences our ways of thinking and living, a controlling factor determining our attitudes and governing our conduct. Until it becomes an experience, a great conviction, which is really incorporated into life, it is apt to be but a mere form of words."

British Columbia is the oldest of our Western Canadian Grand Lodges as is evident from one of its lodges celebrating their 75th Anniversary, this lodge being formed two years previous to the formation of their Grand Lodge. This is a long time in our western country and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will celebrate their 75th Anniversary as a Grand Lodge in 1946.

29 Dispensations were issued during the year and approval given to 23 By-laws. The high light of their Proceedings and Grand Lodge to this reviewer is the splendid work done by their Grand Historian, the late M. W. Bro. R. L. Reid who recently passed away. Another stalwart of their Grand Lodge in the person of their Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee has also passed on,—we grieve with our brethren in British Columbia in these great losses sustained by them.

British Columbia has 117 Chartered Lodges, of which no less than 112 were represented at Grand Lodge; this, I think, is remarkable seeing that some lodges are located in the Yukon and one in the Peace River Block of British Columbia. There was a total attendance of 577 at Grand Lodge. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written and Alberta receives very nice mention.

Number of Lodges 117. Number of members 13,224. Increase in membership 161.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. William Menzies, Vancouver.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Vancouver.

S.H.

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CALIFORNIA

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of California was held in the City of San Francisco on Tuesday, October 10th, 1944, with M. W. Bro. Claude H. Morrison, Grand Master, presiding.

The communication was opened with Devotional Services conducted by the Very Reverend Grand Chaplain, George A. Warmer. We read with a great deal of interest his address which was not only an intellectual masterpiece but thought provoking in the extreme.

The report of the Grand Treasurer is lengthy, and demonstrates the great amount of work that is entailed in administering the various

funds of this Grand Lodge. Amendments were offered to the Constitution with the view of modernizing the business procedure.

The Grand Secretary's report contains some very interesting information; there was a gain in membership of 9,228, with 35,286 degrees conferred; since the war started 4,782 courtesy degrees have been conferred and in the same period this Grand Lodge had requested 1,739.

The Address of the Grand Master must of necessity be a report of his stewardship; it nevertheless makes very interesting reading. In speaking of dispensations he states that he has had many requests for the purpose of receiving applications from men in military service who did not possess the necessary residence qualifications, and a few were received for the purpose of balloting without reference to a committee. He granted most of the former upon the assurance of the Master that proper investigations were held. In regard to the latter he granted a few where the applicants had just attained their 21st birthday and therefore could not apply earlier but were well known in the community.

The eligibility of membership to those in the liquor business is a vexed question and as usual the Grand Master had a series of conundrums to answer.

In discussing the future the Grand Master has this to say:

"Bearing in mind that we are having the largest influx of Masons in our history, that many of them have received their degrees in other places, that due to lack of time the instruction of most of them has been elementary, it stands to reason that the responsibility of integrating this vast army of men into Masonry must be shared by the Grand Lodge, and in order to do this we must first raise our sights so far as Grand Lodge is concerned."

He makes a plea for a Grand Lodge "Bulletin" to be prepared and sent to every member so that the program and problems of Masonry may be made known. Then he goes on to say

"With the continued popularity of radio and the imminent probability of television, we should not ignore the potentialities of communicating with our brethren and enlightening them on Masonic questions through the use of radio. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that Grand Masters, on important occasions, may address Masons in their lodges and in their homes and that the Committee on Masonic Information or other committees may rely on the radio to bring to Masons information and instruction which will make them more keenly alive to the privileges and responsibilities of Masonry."

A very good report is presented by the War Activities Committee; this Grand Lodge does not work through the Masonic Service Association in its service centers, but to a large extent confines its war work through its constituent lodges who assume the responsibility of all calls and demands of every kind with Grand Lodge supplementing the financing.

The Grand Lodge Orator delivered his address entitled "The Master", which to a certain extent is a synopsis of the history of Masonry with a bit of moralizing

A complete report on Philippine Island Lodges is presented by Bro. R. C. Bryan, representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand

Lodge of California. California has continued to take care of the collection of fees of members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands resident in the United States, and now that these Islands have been freed from the yoke of Japan, it may soon be that Freemasonry will be re-established and the sum collected by California will be of some assistance in that way. Brother Bryan gives a very interesting report and we cull the following, as we believe it hits the nail on the head:

"The white man's superiority in the Orient is due to his inventive genius, particularly as applied to instruments of destruction. In recent years the Oriental Nations have been taught not only how to use these instruments but how to manufacture them as well. Today the best minds of the East and the West are convinced that if an understanding cannot be reached between the Occident and the Orient at the end of the present conflict, then it is only a question of time until the teeming millions of the East will challenge the supremacy of the West. Should that tragedy occur all the horror and suffering of past wars will sink into insignificance."

The report of the Committee on Masonic Information shows that they published four Quiz Programmes which were used by many of the lodges to good effect, especially as part of the dinner programme. They also recommend the publication of a manual for the instruction of candidates.

We are always sure of an interesting report from the Committee on Clandestine Masonry and this year's report is no exception. Clandestine Masonry for the present seems to be quiescent as the Committee have not had a complaint to work on during the past year.

A resolution requiring the incoming Grand Master to appoint a Committee to make an investigation of the principles, precepts and practices of the Order of De Molay. The Committee on Policy and General Purposes recommended that in as much as the Grand Lodge of California did not recognize, approve or sponsor any other organization, and that it should not attempt to assume the right to clarify or define any relation with any other organization, that the resolution be not adopted.

A very excellent report is presented by the Committee on Correspondence, the report proper takes the form of the topical and covers many interesting subjects. From the list of jurisdictions reviewed, Alberta was not included.

W.I.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in Ontario was held in the Central Technical School, Toronto, on the 19th day of July, 1944, with M. W. Bro T. C. Wardley on the Throne.

There were 510 lodges represented and 159 without representatives. There was a total vote of 349.

Special mention by the Grand Master of the passing of two illustrious brethren. R. W. Bro. W. Y. Mills of Kingston who is so favorably known to many of the brethren from Alberta died suddenly in

October, 1943, and R. W. Bro. Colonel W. C. N. Marriott of Ottawa, who was a member of the Board of General Purposes.

In speaking of increase in membership I excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"I must sound a warning if I am to be true to my responsibilities as Grand Master. Let me preface my warning by intimating that I am not alone in the viewpoint I am about to express. Grand Masters of other jurisdictions throughout the Masonic world, in private many of them, and many in their Masonic pronouncements, have felt impelled to make similar comment. Make certain that every applicant for Masonry will make a real Masonic addition to the Craft. It is more than ever necessary to heed the old injunction, 'Guard well the Portals'. No matter how large or how small a lodge may be, it can only make a limited number of Masons in any one year, and if the lodge adds to its membership more applicants than it can make Masons, it is conferring no favour on either the Craft or the applicant. Let us, this time, make certain that there shall be no repetition of former unfortunate experiences which were foretold by Grand Masters a quarter of a century ago when they pleaded for more care, and when their plea so often went unheeded."

M. W. Bro. Wardley visited a number of Grand Lodges in the United States, viz: Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa. For the first time a Grand Master from Ontario was enabled to visit and take part in the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of the United States.

Several irregularities took place on which the Grand Master felt called upon to give his attention, viz:

(1) A Lodge elected and installed a Master who had not served as a warden. The election was declared null and void.

(2) The offence involved the improper declaration of the ballot. The Worshipful Master and the Junior Warden were suspended. It was felt on his investigation that there was a lack of harmony in this lodge.

(3) In relation to a dimitted brother: Direction was given to a lodge of which the brother was a former member to lay a charge of unmasonic conduct against this brother. The lodge persisted in non-compliance and the Warrant was arrested.

It was ruled that a brother who resides without the jurisdiction of the lodge may not be installed as Master, except with the consent of the Grand Master.

It was ruled that: "No meeting can be held by a constituent lodge on Sunday, except for the purpose of attending Divine Service or for performing the Funeral Ceremonies of the Craft."

It was ruled that it was a Masonic offence for a brother to wear a regalia for higher rank than that which he holds.

Bro. Sir William Mulock was presented with a special medal indicating seventy-five years' membership in the Craft.

The Grand Master recommended as follows:

"I therefore recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate and report to the next Annual

Communication of Grand Lodge on this matter of regalia for both Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges, and at the same time to enquire into and report on such matters as uniform jurisdictional dues cards, revision of forms, and uniform book records for constituent lodges."

Grand Lodge invested \$30,000 in Dominion of Canada War Loan.

Amount expended in Benevolent work, \$124,285.00.

Subscription to Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada continued.

569 Lodges. 93,048 Members. Increase, 1,552.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. T. C. Wardley.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon.

M.M.D.

COLORADO

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was held at Denver, Colorado, September 19th and 20th, 1944, with the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Herschel Horn presiding.

The Alberta representative was not present.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Grand Master in his address apologizes for not doing as much work as he would have liked. But during his neglectful year he seems to have visited about 35 constituent lodges and two sister grand jurisdictions and to have dealt with dispensations which required ten closely printed pages to record. This was in addition to the other manifold duties of the office. What would a busy year represent?

From the oration of the Grand Orator on the subject of Masonic Charity the following sentences are culled:

"Tolerance is a subject which requires deep and serious thought and time can help us to practice it with propriety. Be tolerant to the man less fortunate than you—fortune may change. Be tolerant to the man who has not had the opportunities you have had—he may have as much ability.

"Be tolerant to the man who has no home or family—he does not know his loss.

"Be tolerant to the man who has lost an arm, a leg, his sight or hearing—he may have a mind more keen than yours.

"Be tolerant to the man who lacks your skill or ability—he is still a necessary part of the world.

"Be tolerant to the man who differs from you—he may be more right than you know.

"Be tolerant to the man who makes an error—he may set you on the right track."

The Colorado Proceedings do not contain individual reviews so Alberta is not reviewed.

The next Annual Communication will be held in Denver, Colorado, September 18th and 19th, 1945.

Grand Master—John R. Clark.

Grand Secretary—Harry W. Bundy.

Lodge: 169. Members 30,580. Gain 1,161.

A.E.O.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held on February 2nd and 3rd, 1944, in the City of Hartford, presided over by M. W. Bro. C. W. Tyler, Grand Master.

There were fourteen Grand Masters present, and nineteen distinguished guests, including the Grand Masters from six neighbouring States and one Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master requested that Brother H. E. Hubbard be presented before the Altar; Brother Hubbard was nine days short of being a century old, and was honoured with a seat in the Grand East.

The National and State Colors were presented at the Altar, the Pledge of Allegiance given, and a tribute to the Flag read by the Grand Chaplain, the Flags were then placed on the right and left of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address alluded to the Condition of Masonry in the war stricken countries, stating that as we think of what has befallen Masonry across the sea and how we may assist in its re-establishment after the war; we cherish as never before that great heritage which is ours, of keeping the spirit of Masonry alive, so that we may demonstrate in a very practical way, the universality of Masonry.

They also record the death of their Junior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Anson F. Keeler, an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge having been called to pay final tribute to his memory.

The report of the Grand Masters Annual Conference notes that for the first time in its history each of the 49 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. During this conference especial emphasis was laid on the work they are striving to do for those in the armed forces, urging the members to greater giving on behalf of those who have been willing to give their all. During the year 4 lodges celebrated their Sesquicentennial and their 75th birthday.

In connection with Masonic education the Grand Master commented that their efforts had met with but a limited success and that the brethren sought for facts rather than philosophy. In this connection he suggests as one solution a Masonic *Bulletin* be published by the Grand Lodge, the value of which he believed would far exceed the cost. A committee was later appointed to give further consideration to this matter together with the cost of implementing the Grand Master's suggestion.

The Masonic Home has during the past sixty years developed from a fund of a few hundred dollars to an institution with assets of almost two millions of dollars and an annual expenditure of almost a quarter of a million dollars. There are at present 361 persons taken care of, much of the annual operating cost being raised by an assessment on the membership.

The Grand Master during his report stated that "Undoubtedly the most serious problem is a lack of knowledge on the part of Masonry in general concerning the work which is being done." This seems to be one of the problems with which many other Jurisdictions have to grapple!

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Ansel A. Packard.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck.

129 Lodges. Membership 34,498. Increase 640.

C.S.B.L.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in Wilmington, October 5th, 1944, M. W. Bro. Walter W. Hynson, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta was represented by Bro. George T. Macklin.

M. W. Bro. Hynson visited all twenty-two lodges in the Jurisdiction and found time to make many courtesy visits including the Masonic week at Washington.

Delaware has but twenty-two lodges but its membership is over five thousand, showing a net increase for the year of one hundred and twenty-four.

A total of twenty-seven dispensations were granted, most of which were given under the heading of war emergency to waive the code in reference to conferring degrees on members of the armed forces.

M. W. Bro. Hynson completed his very comprehensive address with these words:

"Through generation after generation under the guidance and protection of the Great Artificer of the world has been built up a great organization, built upon the high principles of truth, justice and equality. It has survived all the storms of wrath, prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and persecution that have been hurled against it through the generations and we are left with a priceless heritage which should command our every energy to preserve. May we never lower our standards of high ideals, or reverence for the Deity and his laws for only by a strict adherence to these can we hope to maintain our position. We are a great fraternity and within our ranks are found the best men in every walk of life; let us as an organization and as individuals use the great power which has come down to us in the service of the Great Master Above to make this a better world for humanity."

Two active Grand Lodge officers as well as three Past Grand Masters passed to the Inner Chamber to receive their reward.

The Masonic Home had thirty-two guests twenty women and twelve men. The average expense per guest was \$761.65 for twelve months ending August 31, 1944.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Frank S. Craig, Chairman, reviewed the proceedings of fifty odd Grand Lodges, in which Alberta was treated kindly.

During the installation the Grand Master called B. Frank Taylor to the altar and complimented him on his accomplishment of being present at this Communication, it being his 54th year in attendance at the session of this Grand Lodge, and presented him with a bouquet of flowers on his 82nd birthday.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. Harry Lewis.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Chester R. Jones.

R.J.B.

ENGLAND

The Board of General Purposes report the gift of a Maul from the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Sir Frank Newson-Smith, who was at the time Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London. Apart from its own excellence, fit to be exhibited in the Museum as an outstanding example of the Craftsman's art, its historic interest is likely to increase as the years roll on; it was fashioned from oak from the roof of the Guildhall of London which was damaged during the air raids on that glorious old building.

The Board further stresses the absolute necessity for members of lodges exercising the utmost care in proposing and seconding candidates for initiation, using the following phrasing: "It cannot be too strongly stressed that their acquaintance with the candidate must be of such a nature that they can, by their personal knowledge vouch that he is a man of good reputation and integrity and well fitted to become a member of the Lodge."

At the Annual Investiture on April 26th, 1944, the M. W. the Grand Master Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, K.G., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., desired to say, with something more than wishful thinking that as that might be the last Grand Investiture before peace in Europe is restored, to the Brethren who were about to be appointed to office in Grand Lodge, that they should realise that their duties this year, and the influence which they may be able to exert upon their fellow men this year, may be of greater importance than was the case with any set of Grand Officers appointed for many years past. Proceeding, the Grand Master said, "It may be, and I hope will be, a year of vital importance for the world in general, and I have said what I have said because I have a hope that the true principles of Freemasonry, both inside the Craft and outside (for do not let us deny ourselves a knowledge of the fact that the true principles of Freemasonry may exist in the hearts of those outside Freemasonry) may be made widely known, and may bring to bear an influence upon the eventual terms of peace and settlement of the world after the war. It is for us Freemasons to make our principles carry weight throughout the world."

G.H.C-W.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple at Jacksonville Tuesday, April 18th, 1944, with M. W. Bro. Fred B. Noble, Grand Master, presiding.

We congratulate M. W. Bro. Noble on a most successful Masonic year.

The Jurisdiction of Florida with its two hundred and forty odd lodges shows a net increase of nearly ten per cent in membership for the year. Not only were the initiations very heavy, being two thousand four hundred and eighty eight, but the reinstated numbered over eight hundred, most encouraging.

In the matter of Dispensations M. W. Bro. Noble was liberal where he felt justification was evidenced, especially for assistance to those in the armed forces. He had many requests for dispensations to confer degrees short of the prescribed time, which he refused. His reply was, "There appears no reason why the applicant could not have previously applied for and received the degrees in due course", in both of which we concur.

The Grand Master ruled that a lawyer, who owns half interest in a liquor store but takes no active part in the business, is engaged in selling liquor and is therefore not eligible for Masonic membership in Florida, which ruling was approved.

The Grand Lodge of Florida already have strict rules with reference to the liquor traffic but to further clarify them the Grand Master proposed the following, "No person who is engaged either as owner or employee in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, and no person who either as owner or employee operates a pool or billiard parlor or other place of amusement or recreation, where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be eligible to petition for the three degrees in Masonry or any of them, or to petition for reinstatement in, or affiliation with, any lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction."

Conditions at the Masonic Home were reported as very satisfactory. Many applications had to be refused owing to lack of accommodation.

M. W. Bro. F. B. Noble designated the first two weeks in November as Public School weeks, introducing his proclamation as follows:

"To the free public schools of America we must look for the continuation of the democratic form of government which was shaped and moulded for us by our forefathers in the Constitution of the United States. The success of any democracy can most nearly be gauged by the extent of the education of its citizens, the quality of that education and the local control of the public school system. Freemasonry is a champion of democracy and its members are the friends of education."

The address by W. Bro. Dorsey H. Rutter, Grand Orator, we would like to reproduce in full, but space does not permit. We quote the closing paragraph:

"My Brethren, never before in history has Masonry faced a more difficult task, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity for us to

prove our worth as real men than now. World civilization is crumbling on its foundation but our principles are founded on the never-failing Rock of Ages. Today, God calls us saying, 'Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.' Responding to this summons, we shall hasten the time when Democracy will spread over the face of the earth; when our Brethren now deprived of the sacred privilege of meeting in their temples, shall peaceably assemble again, and the churches be open all over the world for the weary and heavy laden to worship God in the manner that pleases them."

242 Lodges. Membership 23,291. Increase 2,287.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Warren S. Taylor.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. George W. Huff.

R.J.B.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., was held in the City of Macon, Georgia, October 26th and 27th, 1943. The Meeting was opened in Ample Form by M. W. Bro. E. D. Wells, Grand Master, and was closed by his successor, M. W. Bro. Dewey H. Wollstein.

Alberta's Representative in Georgia, M. M. Rolleston, Atlanta, was absent. Georgia's Representative in Alberta is R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, Medicine Hat.

As the Grand Master's address is not included in the Proceedings it is difficult to review the work of the year then concluded. That it was a successful year, must be taken for granted by the large increase in membership and the successful balance sheet shown. Increase in membership has been common to nearly all Grand Lodges in the last few years and we must hope that the new material gained is worthy and will, in due course, be able to take its full place in the conduct of affairs.

I cannot help but think, when reading the proceedings of this and other Grand Jurisdictions that it is unfortunate that all details are printed where it is necessary to suspend or expel a member for unmasonic conduct. It occurs to me that it would best be dealt with as a "family" matter and that such facts as must be published could be cloaked with anonymity.

The Foreign Correspondent is M. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel and he submits his twenty-four annual report, remarking that it has been a long time since the first one was written in 1916. The spirit of Masonry is carried by such men who serve to the best of their ability and count not the cost. M. W. Bro. Daniel, we salute you, may you continue long in the service of the Craft! The report is "not a topical review but the offer of a few fraternal suggestions that at this time seem proper". I am sure that many who read the suggestions will appreciate them.

463 Lodges. Membership 42,994. Increase 2,563.

E.H.R.

IDAHO

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho took place at Boise, Idaho, on September 19th and 20th, 1944, being presided over by M. W. Bro. George Edgar Bacheller, of Boise, presiding Grand Master.

The Grand Master has a great reputation for work in Youth Organizations and in the community and there is no doubt but that he had a most successful year.

All Officers of Grand Lodge were present, a commendable feature, but Alberta's representative was not in attendance.

The principal work accomplished during the year would seem to be the bringing up to date of the Masonic Code and Digest. A committee of five were appointed at the previous Grand Lodge and a comprehensive report was made. They were authorised to complete their work by having the new Code Printed.

A Masonic Service Centre was established, the first west of the Rockies and, as is apparent in all Jurisdictions to the South of us, very great interest was taken in its work and possibilities of service to all members of the Armed Forces. The establishment of this centre appeared to be the direct result of the meeting of Grand Masters held in Washington in February, 1944. It is increasingly evident that consultation between jurisdictions is very beneficial to all and it is to be hoped that conferences of this nature may be increased and enlarged.

The comprehensive statistics and financial reports given show the Craft to be in a very healthy state in Idaho and it will be noted below that there was a net increase of 459 in membership for the year.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Dwight S. Jeffers, entitled "For Duty's Sake, and Smiled" was very inspiring. May I quote:

"In this year 1944 it would be well for each of us to heed seriously and to speak reverently the prayer of the poet:

"Cure thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control,
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things, poor in soul.
Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days."

And again:

"One dared to die, in a swift moment's space,
Fell in war's forefront, laughter on his face;
Bronze tells his fame in many a market place.

Another dared to live the long years through,
Felt his slow heart's blood ooze like crimson dew
For duty's sake, and smiled, and no one knew."

The report of the Foreign Correspondent, M. W. Bro. J. G. Eldridge is most complete and he includes a kindly review of Alberta 80 Lodges. 9,568 Members. Net Gain 459.

Grand Master: M. W. Bro. Gillford H. Mayes.

Grand Secretary: M. W. Bro. Clyde I. Rush.

E.H.R.

ILLINOIS

M. W. Bro Stuart E. Pierson, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, Grand Secretary.

Alberta's Representative in Illinois, Bro. Geo. P. Ellis.

Illinois' Representative in Alberta, Bro. W. R. Wilson.

Lodges 980. Membership 196,220. Net Gain, 6,779.

One has just to glance at the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to realize that Masonry is extremely active in the State. Membership is very large, finances are strong and it is very evident that the Spirit of Masonry is also well to the fore.

Grand Master Stuart E. Pierson gives a very sound report at the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication held in Chicago on October 10th, 1944, and succeeding days. He refers to that valuable gathering, the Grand Masters Conference at Washington: "I feel that the time spent at this Annual Conference inures to the benefit of Masonry all over the land." Conferences of this type cannot help but assist the future of our Order. The Masonic Service Centers in Illinois were very active and the Proceedings contain many references to the excellence of their work, both for Masons, their sons and also to all other members of the Forces who were able to partake of their hospitality.

Two Masonic Homes are maintained and the scope of their work was extended from orphans only to include children with only one parent.

I note further that five Schools of Instruction were held by the Grand Board of Examiners; this must have been of great benefit in obtaining complete uniformity in the Work.

Grand Master Pierson reports that he received many requests for permission to receive and ballot on petitions in less time than that permitted by the Constitution. It is gratifying to note that he saw fit to refuse them all, holding that the interests of the Craft required that full investigation be made of any candidate before he be accepted. There would probably be a considerable reduction in "deadwood" and suspensions for N.P.D. if this part of the Constitution were strictly enforced in all jurisdictions. Many are too prone, we fear, to waive the rule at the slightest excuse and the candidates subsequently do not hold the Order in the same high regard that they would if the rules were strictly adhered to.

A very interesting piece of legislation passed at the sessions was in respect to encumbrances placed on lodge real estate. No encumbrance for more than one third of the actual value can now be placed on any building and I note that it is hoped by this means to prevent unreasonable expansion in good times that cannot be paid for. Many jurisdictions could, with much advantage to the Order, copy this wise restriction.

The Grand Orator, Bro. C. Wayland Brooks, U.S. Senator from Illinois, fulfilled his duty in a manner that provoked most hearty applause. He spoke of the war and the duty of citizens, as well as the problems that confront the nation during the war and that will have to be faced in the readjustment period to follow:—

"It is easy to have a united devotion with eleven million sons and daughters away from home, that reach in and out of every home in the land. But when it is over and you face the hard, cruel realities of the wounded and the dead, then the reconstruction of this mass ingenuity that we have transformed and trained into making instruments to kill with, to try to move it back into what we are fighting for, truly for the better things of life—and meeting the debt—is going to be a tremendous problem.

"Then we will need the fraternal spirit. We will need the patriotism that comes out of these lodge halls of America. We will need a devotion, and we will need to have a real sense of values, to appreciate how much we have sacrificed for the rest of the world. . . ."

"... Out of this present experience I hope with all my heart that these other nations will learn how powerful a country can be that lives with tolerance, that is dedicated to man's equality. The very birth certificate of our nation declared all men to be equal—not equal in colour, not equal in size, but equal in the sight of Almighty God."

"... Whatever may be our problems let us band together to meet them. Whatever may be your task, I ask you to accept it proudly. . . ."

If these sentiments can be carried out to the full, by the brethren of both our countries, we shall have nothing to fear. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Illinois on having such a capable Grand Orator.

Finally, we thank Foreign Correspondent Bro. Elmer E. Beach for his kindly reference to our own Grand Lodge, the reviews for two years being printed in these proceedings and being very fully covered. In his foreword Bro. Beach refers to the tendency to issue dispensations to waive regulations, advising that one Grand Master has issued 343 in a period of twelve months. One hears this word of warning from all sides and each time we hope that it may be heeded fully. The reviews written by Bro. Beach are very interesting.

E.H.R.

INDIANA

The Grand Master M. W. Bro. Lee Whitehall, made a very fine address to Grand Lodge, saying in part: "For the 127th time this Grand Lodge meets. . . . Death has made no inroads among the officers of Grand Lodge or of the Past Grand Masters. However, several Worshipful Masters have died within the last year and many of our brethren have answered the call of their Maker. . . . Possibly for the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge the officers have not been called upon to lay any cornerstones or formally dedicate any lodge rooms."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana has a membership of 120,813 a gain for the year of 8,653. During the year 10,286 candidates received the entered apprentice degree. The Grand Lecturer visited more than three hundred lodges during the term. The secretary of one of the lodges has held that office for forty years and lately received the award of being a Mason for fifty years.

A very nice letter from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is incorporated in the proceedings, also one of much interest from the Grand Master of Australia at Sydney, Australia.

The Grand Master of Kentucky, in replying to an address of welcome, said among other things: "We hear a lot about Four Freedoms—but may I tell you about the Four Freedoms the world needs today? Freedom from hate, Freedom from greed, Freedom from intolerance and Freedom from privilege. These are the Freedoms that Masonry teaches, and if we had these four Freedoms we would not now be engaged in the great world struggle and catastrophe that we are."

Report was also made of a conference of Grand Masters held in the city of Washington, D.C., February 23rd and 24th, 1944, when the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions of the United States were represented as well as several Grand Jurisdictions from the Dominion of Canada.

The veteran Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, who is also Alberta's representative to the Grand Lodge of Indiana and of course was present, was presented with a fifty year award in gold. Due to the fact that he is the oldest Past Grand Master of Indiana a special emblem was struck.

The list of fraternal dead included the name of our own beloved Past Grand Master, the late Geo. W. Kerby.

The highlight of the Grand Lodge session was the address of M. W. Bro. Timothy C. Wardley, Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, who gave a very powerful dissertation, into which were injected prize bits of humour which must have been greeted with hilarious applause, as undoubtedly were the more sedate and serious thoughts listened to with eager and sympathetic attention.

E.G.E.

IOWA

In reading the volume containing the proceedings of the One Hundred and First Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, one cannot help but be impressed by the significance of Freemasonry on the American Continent. For here were gathered together a number of the brightest luminaries in the Masonic world, coming from the United States and Canada to join in the celebration of One Hundred Years of active Freemasonry in that State, and I am sure that M. W. Bro. Clifford D. Jory must have felt a very deep sense of pride and humility in presiding over such a distinguished gathering.

The Grand Master's Address is not a lengthy document, but it gives a complete account of his stewardship. In speaking of the increase in membership, the Grand Master is impressed not so much by the number of initiations, but by the fact that 1,205 former members were restored to the membership rolls and then pleads for a better quality of Masons so that the former tragedy of loss in membership may not be repeated. He refused several requests for dispensations to waive time on petitions, to waive proficiency and to ballot on petitions at special meetings. In their zeal to bring young men into Masonry several lodges violated the age regulation, and the Grand Master ordered that, even although the three degrees had been con-

ferred, these petitioners re-apply for membership and go through the regular channels of investigation and ballot and if again elected, to be again obligated in the three degrees.

Continuing the policy adopted by his predecessor, the Grand Master sent a personal letter to each newly initiated candidate congratulating him on his acceptance into Masonry and giving some indication as to what Freemasonry stands for; this has met with the appreciation of the craft.

As in former years the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. C. C. Hunt, presents a very complete and interesting report on the work of his office and that of the Grand Lodge library. The list of new books added during the year would show that the Grand Lodge Librarian is ever alert for Masonic material and many of these sound exceedingly interesting. Then again the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library is a document well worth reading, and contains a mine of information that should offer lodges much material for study and investigation.

A full and complete report is presented by the Committee on Military and Naval activity and shows that this committee has been very active during the past year. This Grand Lodge collects twenty-five cents from each dues paying member for the work of this Committee; 40 per cent is devoted to the work of the Masonic Service Association, 40 per cent to rehabilitation of their own members and 20 per cent for the use of carrying on the current programme.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, delivered an address which, in my opinion, should be read by every member of our Craft. It was an address appropriate to the occasion, and I would that it were possible to quote extensively from it, but I must content myself with the final paragraph, which reads as follows:

"The bridge across the Hudson River is held up by wires. Each wire is no thicker than my finger. Each wire by itself could not hold up that bridge, but you take several hundred and make a cable of them, and the several hundred joined together can hold up and endure the stress and strain of the burden. You and I individually cannot do so much, but joined together as a magnificent group of Master Masons, endued with love and respect for the flag that decorates this hall today, filled with devotion and loyalty to Masonic principles which are fundamental to human life, we together can do much to make this world a better place to live in for our children and our children's children. I close with a phrase of years ago, 'Hats off to the past, Coats off to the future'."

A very active Committee of this Grand Lodge is that of "Masonic Service" and the report as presented to Grand Lodge indicates that a vast amount of work has been done in assisting the lodges in the various phases of their work, by providing study courses and other literature, providing speakers and the holding of "Fellowship Meetings" and generally to assist the Worshipful Master from the time he takes office so that he may be able to render the greatest good for his lodge during his term.

Special mention should be made of the Flag Day Observance. It was on June 14th, 1777 that Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes

as the flag of the United States of America and it is significant that a Canadian Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. C. Wardley, of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario should have been chosen to give the address. This is one of the finest pieces of reading it has been my privilege to enjoy and its reception throughout the American continent has resulted in bringing M. W. Bro. Wardley very much in demand. Truly we congratulate the speaker and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for occasion which brought forth such a fine oration.

Past Grand Master Ernest R. Moore presents the Fraternal Review which is worthy of his pen and is quite in keeping with the times. He is exceedingly generous to Alberta in drawing attention to the pertinent facts of our 1943 Communication and we thank him kindly for consideration.

W.I.

IRELAND

Again our sister Grand Jurisdiction perforce held its Annual Communication without the presence of their greatly esteemed Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., whose war work continues to keep him fully engaged elsewhere. They are fortunate, however, in having a most erudite and faithful Deputy Grand Master, who for fourteen years has deputised for the M. W. the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke.

An interesting document prefaces the Proceedings in a reprint of a Declaration dated 17th October, 1938, outlining the relations between the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Continental (European) Grand Lodges. We quote from Article No. 9: "This Grand Lodge is a sovereign and independent Body practising Freemasonry only within the Three Degrees and only within the limits defined in its Constitution as 'pure Ancient Masonry'. It does not recognise or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, however styled."

At their meeting held at Belfast, the first held outside Dublin since 1938, over twelve hundred Brethren were present; truly stimulating and encouraging.

The Boys' and Girls' Schools are justifying the splendid work of their Board and the list of scholars gaining high academic distinction continues to increase. A little human touch brightens the Report. The Choir of over fifty girls from the Masonic Girls' School, accompanied by Mistresses and Matrons, visited Belfast to take part in a concert, spending three happy days, being entertained by several dignitaries and officials. "At the railway station, on the departure of the girls from Belfast, the brethren of the Board who were their hosts, gave a moving rendering of 'Will ye no' come back again', to which the girls promptly and suitably replied with 'Auld Lang Syne'."

It is noted that "many lodges have voluntarily revised their bylaws advancing their initiation fee to a higher figure than stipulated in the newly-revised Grand Lodge law." With the increased cost of almost everything, lodges this side of the Atlantic may find a necessity to do likewise.

A sum of approximately \$8,000.00 was subscribed from lodges in every part of Ireland "to enable our brethren in Malta to rebuild

their premises in a way that may be a memorial of what they suffered and a recognition of what the inhabitants of the Island did for us all.”

It is noted that references are made to several Masonic Services held in Cathedral and Parish Church alike, making clear the very prominent place given both to Religion and Charity in the Masonic Order.

The ubiquitous American has been serving in Ireland and a team from an informal Masonic Club gave a taste of their quality in ritual working, exemplifying the Third Degree as conferred in the United States of America.

A very large audience was greatly impressed by the dramatic realism given to the rendering of the Degree, which as one Brother pointed out was “for our admiration but not for our emulation.”

It is also noted that there appears no exchange of Grand Representatives with this most active Grand Lodge; a circumstance which would seem to call for further consideration.

G.H.C-W.

KANSAS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held at Topeka, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles S. McGinness presiding.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Alberta representative was not present.

Out of the total number of 437 lodges on the roll, 235 lodges were represented with a total attendance of 709.

The Grand Master would appear to have had a very busy year in the service. Mention is made of 29 visitations in addition to a number not specified. Special dispensations to the number of 369 were granted.

From the Grand Master's Address, which is full of sound philosophy, though devoted largely to the recording of facts, the following reference to the future is culled:

“As that struggle draws to a close and we return to the ways of peace, may we remember the heritage that our Masonic forebears have left to us. May we never feel that Masonry is a panacea for the world's ills but, rather, may we renew our allegiance to the design of our Institution, which is to make Masons. May we understand that in the quiet of our halls, our labor is to lift our young men to a higher understanding of the Great Light, in order that they may better understand the uses of the plumb, the square and the level. And may we, through a devotion to our Fraternity, display those teachings in our daily life and conduct and as we associate with our fellows, so that when a man is said to be a Mason, all will know that there is a good man.”

Kansas Freemasons have been busy with a revision of their constitution. An interesting feature of the draft presented is the proposed adoption as a working basis of the twenty-five Ancient Landmarks as

set forth by Mackey. It is carefully pointed out however that the list is not exclusive.

The oration was on the subject, "Free Masonry and Patriotism". A large part was devoted to the roll call of Freemasons who have been distinguished in the service of the United States. One striking statement is that when George Washington summoned the governors of the thirteen states to a conference, fourteen Masons met, Washington and the thirteen governors.

Any brother interested in this kind of information should refer to the Kansas Proceedings 1944, page 250.

All the reviews seem to be from the hard-working pen of one man, M. W. Bro. Otto R. Souders. They are very well done, but unfortunately and probably for a good reason, Alberta is not included.

Lodges 437. Members 60,777. Increase 2,907.

Grand Master M. W. Bro. James H. Trice.

Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain.

A.E.O.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held at Louisville on October 17, 18 and 19, 1944, with the Grand Master M. W. Bro. E. B. Beatty presiding.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance in addition to the regular officers.

The Grand Master must have been one of the busiest men in Kentucky during his year of office. In addition to issuing 21 dispensations, considering and refusing applications for six others, handing down 42 carefully worded decisions, this active brother made 275 visitations during his term. One of his activities seems especially worthy of note. He made a special effort to visit lodges which had never been visited by a Grand Master. His mileage reached the impressive total of 52,000.

From the Grand Master's Address the following paragraph is taken:

"When man called man brother, liberty came into the world and Fraternity was born. Today history records nothing more beautiful, more inspiring, than the untiring efforts, through all the changes of the centuries, of men who have labored to lift the human race out of ignorance and vice into a higher and nobler existence and unite them in 'The Bond of Brotherhood'."

The proceedings are embodied in a volume of 666 pages exclusive of the index. This book is packed from cover to cover with a mass of detailed and carefully prepared information, a veritable encyclopedia of masonry in Kentucky.

This reviewer was particularly impressed by the reviews of other proceedings. Most Worshipful Brother Allen C. Terhune who is responsible, wields a critical but withal kindly and fraternal pen. We

would commend the Kentucky Proceedings as worthy of most careful perusal.

Alberta is generously reviewed.

Lodges 497. Members 52,536. Increase 4,588.

Grand Master—M. W. Brother Joe L. Tighe.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Brother Al E. Orton.

A.E.O.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication was held in New Orleans on February 14th, 15th and 16th, 1944, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. Y. Wolf, presiding.

In concluding his Address, M. W. the Grand Master said, "It was my hope that by meeting the brethren throughout the State that they would realize that Masonry is about to be more effective than it ever has been in the history of the world. We do not want to control the lives and habits of other people. We do not believe that this world can exist one-half democratic and the other one-half under dictatorships. Our forefathers made a noble experiment over one hundred and fifty years ago. It has succeeded and from it has come the greatest government on the face of the earth. It is the greatest because it is based on equality." And, further, "We as Masons are believers in education. The more education we have the firmer our democratic institutions become."—"We in our Lodges are taught that we do not exact any religious or political belief from a man, but require that he believe in a Supreme Being. We must protect every man who may be persecuted on account of his religious or political belief and grant to him the rights which we claim as ours."

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. D. P. Laguens, Jr., included in his report a section on the "State of the Order", in which he mentions, "Due to war conditions and the great number of service men in our midst our Lodges have also been busy with degree work as a courtesy to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions. Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have likewise been somewhat busy returning the courtesy with work for our lodges. All lodges should plan well their trestle boards of the future, and their finances safeguarded with care, to meet the inevitable experiences in a post-war world."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence mentions they have received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Argentina, the Grand Lodge of Chile, and the Grand Lodge of Uruguay inviting this Grand Lodge to join in the First Inter-American Conference of Symbolic Freemasonry. The purpose for this Conference was set out in an article entitled, "Message to Universal Freemasonry", which we regret is too long to include in this review. Suffice to say this Grand Lodge ordered the communication to be acknowledged, printed in the Proceedings and that no action be taken for the present.

The Grand Oration was given by M. W. Bro. Luther A. Smith, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, "What has Freemasonry

accomplished in the world? And of what use is it in the present situation." As he said, "We are living in a practical age, when the question is not, where did you come from but what have you done—not how well you have recited a creed or performed a ritual, but of what use are you to men in their daily lives." From this thought he developed his speech, going back to the early history of Freemasonry and carrying his listeners with him to the world problems of the present day. This inspiring address should be read to be appreciated, but your Reviewer will quote M. W. Bro. Smith's final sentences:

"May the Great Architect of the Universe inspire and aid the true lovers of mankind to establish a just peace based upon the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man! The fondest dream of Freemasonry will then have been realized."

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers selections from the proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges. Only matters that may be of interest to the members of Grand Lodge of Louisiana are included. The Grand Lodge of Alberta is not mentioned.

The Alberta representative for this Grand Lodge was R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, of Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Innisfail.

Number of Lodges, 243. Membership, 23,070. Gain, 1,856.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. S. Kingrey.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. D. Peter Laguens, Jr.

M.J.B.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Masonic Temple, Portland, May 2nd and 3rd, 1944, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. L. Hadley, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his Address, said, "... there have been no unusual problems to solve," and, "It is most gratifying to discover that lodge officers are making an honest attempt to know the law and to interpret it, before submitting cases to the Grand Master." In recording a membership gain of 825 he said, "... it is not so great as to create the suspicion that lodges are not giving careful scrutiny to those who would become members nor is it so small as to give rise to the fear that the fraternity may be losing its appeal to the worthy."

He mentions that several lodges failed to submit their Annual Return within the time set by the Constitution. (This is a weakness or carelessness that too many Grand Secretaries, including Alberta, have to suffer.) In concluding his very practical business-like Address he said, "I have made no attempt to eulogize Masonry or those connected with it, because it is my conviction that as by our deeds are we known so is the fraternity and its membership known by its record of fraternal and humanitarian achievements. It is for us and those who shall follow us, to maintain that record untarnished."

In his Report the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. E. Leach, includes among the Memorials to those who have passed to the Great Beyond, the name of George M. Kerby, P.G.M. of Alberta.

There were 118 Veteran Medals presented to brethren who have been in good standing for fifty years, including one brother, Peter King, of Hermon Lodge No. 32, who had sixty-six years to his credit, and Brother William E. Page, of Mechanics Lodge No. 66, who had sixty-four to his credit—truly a remarkable record. Well done and congratulations, brethren.

The Committee on Library reported receiving two gifts for the Museum, one, an old Masonic razor engraved with Masonic emblems, and stamped, "Manufactured by Wade and Butcher, Sheffield", and the other, two old documents made out in the name of Brother John Henry Burke by Lodge of Friendship No. 453, held at Dartmouth, County of Devon, and "Given under the Seal of the United Grand Lodge of London the 31st of August, A.L. 5818, A.D. 1818", together with a hand worked, headed apron which was worn by Brother Burke.

Appended to the Proceedings is the Report of Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith, P.G.M. There is no report of Alberta. M. W. Bro. Smith in his Foreword gives an interesting account of that great musician and Master Mason, Mozart. We regret space will not permit us to give this Foreword in full, beyond saying Mozart was born in Austria, January 27th, 1756, and died November 20th, 1791, and that he joined the Lodge of Crowned Hope under the Grand Lodge of Vienna at the age of twenty-nine.

The Alberta representative for this Grand Lodge is R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin of Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.

Number of Lodges, 206. Membership, 35,532. Gain, 825.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Charles E. Crossland.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Convers E. Leach, P.J.G.W.

M.J.B.

MANITOBA

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg on June 7th, 1944, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Ben C. Parker presiding. All of the principal officers, together with 15 Past Grand Masters and 11 District Deputy Grand Masters.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present and introduced to the brethren assembled. The visitors came from the M. W. Grand Lodges of Minnesota, North Dakota, Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, of Brandon, conveyed our greetings to our Mother Grand Lodge, your Reviewer has the honour of being the Grand Representative in Alberta of our Mother Grand Lodge.

There are 104 Chartered Lodges in Manitoba, 83 of which were represented by one or more of their three principal officers and 21 lodges were not represented. 95 Past Masters were present, the total number present being 619 which included 64 Master Masons and 15 visitors.

The Grand Master in his Address reported he had attended more than 60 meetings and gatherings and had attended all of the District

Meetings, 11 in number. He attended the celebration meetings of several lodges, also the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Minnesota and North Dakota, together with the Conference of Grand Lodge Officers at Banff, unfortunately he was unable to attend our Annual Communication, but sent a very able representative in the person of R. W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Senior Grand Warden, who was our guest speaker in 1943, and R. W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden was our distinguished visitor from Manitoba in 1944. We enjoyed the visits of these brethren very much indeed.

Ten fifty year veteran jewels were presented to old-timers. They mourn amongst others, the loss of one of their old time Past Grand Masters who was Grand Master in 1915.

From the Grand Master's Address I would like to quote the following excerpts: "Much is said and written of the glorious world of tomorrow which is to follow the dark and hideous world of today. Let us not deceive ourselves. That better world in which we may live the good life will not come in the morn of tomorrow, full blown like the rose. It will come only by our own earnest, selfless struggle to learn and live according to the laws of the Great Architect of the Universe, according to the designs which He has drawn on His trestle board." And again—"Something higher than self-interest must be found as a basis for our thought and planning and acting, if peace, international and national, is to be achieved. When men learn that an injury to a fellowman is an injury to all men, and that help given to a fellowman is help to all men, in that it increases the sum total of human good and welfare; when men come to understand the teachings of the Prince of Peace, and to live according to them, we shall see that glorious tomorrow of our dreaming." I wish it were possible to quote the Grand Master's whole Address.

Manitoba is to be congratulated this year in commencing to publish "Masonry in Manitoba", a monthly publication along somewhat similar lines to our own *Bulletin*. We wish them well in their new venture, which I am sure will prove of benefit both to the Grand Lodge and to its members.

Although our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Kerr is the writer of their Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews, and a splendid report it is, he has let Alberta down a little as I cannot find any mention or Review of the Grand Lodge he represents. Perhaps, next time, Bro. Kerr? I wish it were possible for every one of our members to read Bro. Kerr's Reviews.

A total of 137 Dispensations were granted. Manitoba has 104 Chartered Lodges and had an increase in membership of 153. The large number of brethren passing to "the bourne from which no traveller returns" is evidence that our Mother Grand Lodge is becoming one of our older Grand Lodges in Canada. Their guest speaker from Quebec, R. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon A. P. Gower-Rees brought an excellent message and address. I would like space to quote the whole of it, but shall have to be content with his closing paragraph and verse:—

"We have in our hands, in our custody, a precious heritage, which we must ever guard from unhallowed uses. May you go from strength

to strength in all your endeavours, and may the Great Architect of the Universe abundantly bless you all."

"Ye are builders of this temple,
All your lives and all your groans
Help to rear its stately structure,
All your lives are building stones.

For this temple ye must labour,
For its sake bear pain and grief,
In it, find the end of living
And the anchor of belief."

It is noted that Manitoba intersperses musical numbers throughout its sessions, and this appears to make the proceedings more interesting and enjoyable.

Number of Lodges, 104. Membership, 10,133. Increase, 153.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. S. J. Burland, St. Vital.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Winnipeg.

S.H.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore, Maryland, on the twenty-first day of November, 1944, and on the eve of the annual Thanksgiving Day celebration.

In his address M. W. Bro. Harry L. Robinson said in part:

"The affairs of the Grand Lodge of Maryland are in excellent condition with increase in membership and peace and harmony prevailing. Finances are in good shape, and the one to whom I turn over the gavel as the emblem of authority, is well equipped to carry on the work of that high office. On July 19th it was our good fortune and pleasure to visit the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, which was held in the City of Toronto. One of the unusual features of this gathering was the 'Kilty' Band, which leads a procession of the Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished guests, followed in turn by the brethren of Grand Lodge in procession through the streets surrounding the building where the Communication was held. The goodfellowship evidenced, plainly demonstrates why there is no armed forces guarding our frontier, and that it is possible for different peoples to live in peace and unity without enforcement of arms."

Mention was also made of the visit to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, where M. W. Bro. Timothy C. Wardley, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, delivered a great address—one which was afterwards printed and distributed.

Very generous reference was made by the Grand Master of Maryland to Grand Lodge of Iowa having one of the most complete Masonic Libraries in existence.

Of more than usual interest was the sunrise Easter Service held at the Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink at 6:00 a.m., April 9th, 1944, and of which it is said "that in spite of powerful counter-attractions

at the same hour and lack of easy transportation, it is refreshing to read that the attendance was large and the listeners most appreciative of music and service."

The donations of blood to the blood plasma bank are reported as numerous and generous and also of interest is the fact that the first to receive some of the blood plasma was none other than the Grand Secretary, prior to his undergoing an operation.

This appears to be a very affluent Grand Lodge as the receipts for the year are in excess of one million dollars. The membership of this Grand Lodge is 29,859, a gain for the year of 1,520. The membership of county lodges varies from 477 to 45 whilst the membership of lodges in the city of Baltimore varies from 977 to 58 members.

The Grand Chaplain was asked to approach the altar during the proceedings and offer a special prayer for the restoration to good health of the Grand Secretary.

Through the co-operation of the Baltimore *Sun* the G.I. edition is sent to those in the services. There are two mailings a month and in one of these a page of Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge happenings is enclosed to the members. Comment is made "that there is nothing that had done more to keep up the morale of our members, their sons and daughters in the military service than the mailing of these news items to them."

In the list of decisions handed down there is one of more than passing interest: "Where the body of a deceased brother in good standing is to be cremated, the full Masonic service may be held. This decision requires the distinction between one whose body is to be cremated and the ashes of one who has been cremated. The funeral service in the latter case is prohibited by our Code."

Alberta's representative, Bro. Martin H. Kinsinger, was present to answer the roll call of Grand Representatives.

E.G.E.

MASSACHUSETTS

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held on March 10th, June 9th, September 8th and December 8th, 1943. At these communications the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albert A. Schaefer presided.

At the March meeting the Grand Master opened his Address as follows:

"In selecting the topics which I shall present, I have kept constantly before me a single thought, namely: that as citizens of a great democratic nation and as members of a great democratic institution, we have but one primary duty and a single ultimate objective—to protect, preserve and perpetuate those sacred ideals and ideas which have made this country great and which have rendered possible the continued existence of our beloved Institution. Except as we devote wholly and unreservedly our time and our energies, our material resources and indeed our very lives, to these sacred tasks, we have no right to continue to enjoy our privileges and to retain our cherished

liberties. Let us therefore, today and here, rededicate ourselves to our Country, our Institution, and our God."

The Grand Master attended the Grand Masters' Conference at which meeting forty-seven Grand Master of the forty-nine Jurisdictions in the United States were present and in addition the Grand Master of Alberta was also present. We excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"Following the adjournment of the Grand Master's Conference, the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association was held, with every member jurisdiction represented. Here we received a full detailed report of the Military Service activities carried on by the organization and an outline of the contemplated activities of the year to come. A goal of \$5,000,000 was set for the financing of the planned projects—\$2.00 per Mason throughout the length and breadth of the land. Lack-a-day' It took me two years and much cajoling to wrest from you approximately thirty-five cents per member! More of this anon."

Progress was reported from the District Grand Lodge of Panama. Although a Grand Lodge of Panama is operating, yet Massachusetts has seven lodges in that territory. Lodges are also situated in Chile and China. Massachusetts donated \$1000.00 to the Masons of the District Grand Lodge in China. The lodges comprising this district are at present in recess.

From the September Address of the Grand Master we excerpt:

"Four years have passed since a godless group of arrogant men have sought through force of arms to subject to helpless slavery, to hopeless inequality and to hateful discord, all liberty-loving men. To the more timid it seemed for awhile that the powers of darkness might prevail and that civilization, progressing through centuries hopefully toward higher and still higher achievements, might now be forced back into the darkness of a dark age. But even as I speak, from the four corners of this terrestrial sphere comes the heartening glad tidings that they who battle for righteousness, for justice and for truth have stemmed the tide and that on the eastern horizon we may now glimpse the harbingers of returning dawn. Soon may the sun in its resplendent glory break forth in all its grandeur and dispel for all time the fears of those who in the nightmare of civilization's blackout have watched and waited in hope and expectancy."

In dealing with reinstatement it is interesting to read comments on the status of a discharged brother. We excerpt:

"I would remind you that what I have thus far said applies only to cases where applications for reinstatement are received after a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues. But a lodge may not merely suspend, but may discharge from membership such a delinquent brother. In such a case, our Grand Constitutions are more explicit with reference to the rights of the discharged brother to readmission as a member.

"First, even if a discharged brother pays his dues in full to the date of his discharge, he is not thereby entitled to a dimit. He is thereby entitled only to a receipt or certificate from the Secretary of the lodge that his dues have been liquidated, but to nothing more.

"Second, if he should desire to regain his membership in the lodge, he must proceed as if he had never been a member. All the formalities as to notice, investigation and a unanimous ballot are required, as in the case of any candidate. The only qualification of the broad generalities of this statement is that no membership fee may be demanded, unless the by-laws of the lodge so expressly require."

The sum of \$230,052.94 was expended for Benevolent Purposes, \$630.00 every day during the year. The sum of \$162,000.00 was disbursed through the Home and Hospital.

Membership 93,472. Increase, 577.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Arthur W. Coolidge.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Frank H. Hilton.

M.M.D.

MINNESOTA

Presiding Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, Wadena.

Elected Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Dick A. Mitchell, Mountain Iron.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

Lodges, 296. Membership, 46,724. Net Gain, 448.

The Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in the City of St. Paul, Minn., January 19th and 20th, 1944.

In his Address Grand Master Colson paid tribute to two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Gustaf Widell and M. W. Bro. Jos. L. Mitchell, who were called to the Grand Lodge Above during his year. Occasional Communications of Grand Lodge were held on February 10th and March 8th for the purpose of attending the funeral in each case.

Grand Master Colson noted with satisfaction that there had been a net gain in membership for the first time since 1929, at the same time he exhorted members to examine applications carefully.

At the 1943 Communication of this Grand Lodge an amendment was passed requiring the Secretaries to report to Grand Lodge, within one week, the names of candidates raised. Grand Lodge then sent the following letter, which I am sure must have created a favorable impression on the new members and which can be very profitably read by all:

"We have been informed that you have recently been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and as Grand Master I am joined by all Grand Lodge Officers in extending to you our heartiest congratulations on the progress you have made thus far in your search for Masonic Light, the light which is to brighten your pathway throughout the years and keep before you its guidance in your further search for truth and knowledge.

"It is not the Masonic Plan that your search for truth and knowledge should end with your receiving of the degrees but rather that

the degree work should be a foundation upon which you may safely erect that inner temple that will make your life a seeker not for self, but rather a seeker for privileged opportunities to be of service to others.

"You are now a member of an organization whose great purpose is that individual service to others, which brings strength of character to each in proportion to the service rendered. If you will keep in mind the thought—what can I give, rather than what shall I receive, then what you shall receive will be the unfolding of Masonic Light.

"No Brother can hope to fathom all the lessons of Masonry, but he can continue to approach the heights through his contacts and his search for truth. We shall be happy to know that you are continuing zealous and interested in the service of the Craft; that you will improve yourself in Masonry that you may have high ideals in your devotion to duty; that you may be enlightened, tolerant and unselfish in your helpfulness."

It would be difficult for a man to falter in his progress after receiving such a letter. Too often our candidates seem to become apathetic after receiving the degrees and soon are listed as absentees. Such recognition by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge may well correct this fault.

It was very interesting to note that among the visitors to this communication our own Grand Master M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley was listed and the Grand Master of our Mother Grand Lodge, Manitoba, was accompanied by five Past Grand Masters and his Grand Junior Warden on his visit. I note also that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was well represented at the Communication of the Manitoba Grand Lodge in Winnipeg and we shall hope to have the pleasure of welcoming representatives at our Communications in the future.

Mention is made of the excellent work being done by Bro. Frank G. Warner at Rochester, by way of fraternal assistance. I am sure that Masons from many far off places can testify of the work done and the benefit of such a friendly touch when far from home and under medical care.

I note that preparations are now being started for the Centennial of this Grand Lodge in 1953. Time passes quickly and this date will soon be here.

The work of the Masonic Home occupies a goodly portion of the Proceedings, as is also found in other reports from the U.S. and the work that is accomplished by these institutions cannot be measured in present day values but in the foundation to manhood and womanhood implanted in the breasts of the children cared for. Maybe the day is not too far distant when our own jurisdiction will feel able to undertake some work of this nature.

Alberta's representative M. W. Bro. Edwin J. Simon was present and a letter was read from Minnesota's representative in Alberta, R. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton delivered a very interesting address on "Good and Wholesome Instruction" but space prevents me from quoting.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery, Foreign Correspondent, submits his 22nd Annual Report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and generous review is given to our 1943 proceedings.

E. H. R.

MISSISSIPPI

The Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi are contained within a very voluminous book. The first section, containing one hundred and ninety one pages, deals with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and sister Grand Lodges. The second section, covering nearly four hundred and fifty pages, deals with the various lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and gives in utmost detail many facts concerning the membership of the individual lodges as well as their present officers, Past Masters, etc.

Quite an interesting history attains to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, its first Grand Master having been elected in 1818. It is a very active Grand Body, having some 308 local lodges, a membership of 25,298, and during the past year showed a gain of 2,338.

The Grand Master in his annual report mentions that the contributions to the Masonic Homes under its care were the largest in the history of this Grand Lodge. His address to Grand Lodge was well thought out and prior to its conclusion the Grand Chaplain was asked to approach the altar and offer a special prayer for the men in the services, those who had given their lives and those who were in hospitals. A very fine assemblage of words graced this petition to the Almighty. After the prayer had been finished the Grand Master further spoke and culminated his address by the following poetry:

“Lord let us live from day to day
In a self-forgetting way
That when we kneel to pray
Our prayers shall be for others.
Help us in all our work we do
To ever be sincere and true
Knowing that all we'd do for you
Must needs be done for others.

And when our work on earth is done
And our new work in Heaven begun
May we receive the crown we've won
While thinking still of others—
Others, Lord, yet, others
Let this our motto be:
Let us live for others, Lord,
As we would live for Thee.

Bro. H. D. Corley, the representative of Grand Lodge of Alberta to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was present and answered the roll call of representatives.

The Grand Orator made a very powerful address and said, among other things, “The church may stretch Galileo on the rack, the universities of Spain may solemnly denounce Sir Isaac Newton, but Liberty of thought and expression survives and extends her sceptre over the bowed heads of the world. For his new idea Socrates drank the fatal hemlock, Christ died on Calvary, Huss burned at the stake, Bunyan lay in Bedford jail, Lovejoy was shot, and Garrison was dragged through the streets of Boston. Men do not heed the command that falls from the lips of Truth's discoverer, but at the command of Truth herself they bow in humble adoration. Liberty, Truth, Justice, Equal-

ity—four great and outstanding Masonic principles—four great beacons that lighted every step on the road of human progress.”

The Grand Lecturer seems to have been a very busy man as in his report he mentions that two hundred and seventy-five days’ lecturing have been done in addition to many unofficial visits to lodges. He hoped to see the time when every lodge will have one or more representatives attending the various Schools of Instruction.

The Meridian and Columbus Masonic Homes report a very fine year of activity and the report of the Board of Managers mentions that residents of these homes are good girls and good boys and are using their opportunities advantageously.

E.G.E.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication was held at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple, Kansas City, on September 26th and 27th, 1944. M. W. Bro. W. F. Woodruff, Grand Master, presided.

Distinguished guests present consisted of: five Grand Masters—Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky, and Texas; three Past Grand Masters—Kansas, Nebraska, and Ohio; Grand Junior Warden of Illinois; Grand Secretary of Texas;

Grand Master Beatty, of Kentucky, in replying to the welcome to the visitors, expressed his great pleasure in being present. He said in part: “If the spirit of Masonry could permeate throughout the world we would not now be engaged in a great war and struggle, suffering and misery, that is going on; that is what is wrong with the world today, it is lacking in the spirit of fraternalism that this fraternity of ours represents. We hear so much about the four freedoms, but the four freedoms that the world needs today are: freedom from hate, freedom from greed, freedom from intolerance, and freedom from prejudice. And they are the four freedoms that Masonry has always taught, and the four freedoms Masonry teaches today; they are the four freedoms that the world needs, and as we look into the future we also look to the past.” He closed his address with this philosophy of life in phrase:

“Don’t live to make a living;
Rather live to make a life;
For the pleasure of succeeding,
Is your service in the strife:
All that you leave behind you
When your soul has crossed the bay,
Is the good you have done to others,
As you parade by the way.

Grand Master Woodruff, in submitting his annual report, submitted it under three general headings, as the bylaws require:

- I. Official acts during the recess.
- II. State and condition of Masonry in the Jurisdiction.
- III. Recommendations.

Among his appointments he had no greater responsibility than that of appointing a Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy created by the unexpected death of Dr. Mather, who was serving his seventeenth year. The selection being M. W. Bro. Harold L. Reader.

The Grand Master made 35 official visits to lodges of the jurisdiction, at many of these visits members of the other lodges of the particular district were in attendance; 16 visits to other bodies, Masonic or Masonic-related; convened a specific communication of Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of the Methodist Church at Morrisville. 99 fifty-year buttons were awarded—the Grand Master presenting eleven. He dedicated seven lodge halls and rendered 80 decisions.

The statistical summary as at September 10th, 1944, gives 58 Chartered Lodges. Total membership 89,884—a gain of 3,296. Four charters were arrested. 3,709 military certificates were issued for men in military service.

The Grand Master recommended that: a new edition of the Constitution and By-laws be prepared; monthly Newsletter to be edited through the Grand Secretary's office; Grand Lodge library be catalogued and placed where it will be available for use; Grand Secretary's office be increased; field of Masonic education be encouraged and stimulated; reconsider regular membership in the Masonic Service Association; Grand Lodge to take action on the prospective cottage plan for the children of the Home.

The Grand Master, in concluding his splendid address, said: "Military power and supremacy do not establish peace. Peace abides through good men and true, men of honor and honesty, bent on supremacy of brotherhood and goodwill. That is what Freemasonry has to give the world—the world needs what Freemasonry has to give."

The total Endowment Fund as at August 31st, 1944, amounts to \$1,267,441.70.

The Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges presented by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, recommended that the temporary organization set up in London, using the name Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in Exile, and having the approval of the United Grand Lodge of England, be recognized pending the time when the bodies may again be re-established in the homeland.

That because of certain internal forces which have disrupted Freemasonry in Egypt, recognition be withdrawn until peace and harmony may be restored. Because of internal Masonic conditions in Italy, no recognition be extended to any Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction until the committee have had time and opportunity to investigate and study the situation. The committee expresses the hope that the time may not be far away when the Freemasonry of the Western Hemisphere may be more firmly united to the end that illegitimate and irregular Freemasonry may be banished and the principles of true Freemasonry established in all parts of the world.

The Committee on Necrology reported among its members the great loss of its 89th Grand Master of 1932, M. W. Bro. Thad B. Landon. Dr. Arthur Mather Grand Secretary from 1927 to 1944, Grand Chaplain from 1917 to 1927, Grand Correspondent from 1924 to 1927; Jas. R.

McLachlan, Grand Lecturer Emeritus, at the age of 86 years, having been Grand Lecturer for 28 years.

That part of the proceedings known as the "Masonic World", compiled by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, should be read by officers of all lodges who wished to acquire a better understanding of the fraternity all over the world. Owing to lack of space we are unable to say more.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. J. Bray, Kirksville.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. H. L. Reader, St. Louis.

The 125th Annual Communication will be held in Kansas City beginning September 25th, 1945.

A. W.

MONTANA

The Eightieth Annual Communication was held at Helena on the 15th and 16th of August, 1944, M. W. Bro. Chas. E. Coe, Grand Master, presiding.

The colors of the Allied Nations were banked in a V with the flag of the United States at the apex and under a spot light and the British flag at its right.

The Grand Lodge was opened by a short service conducted by the R. W. Bro. Grand Chaplain.

The following distinguished guests were introduced: Grand Masters of North Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, South Carolina, Deputy Grand Master of South Dakota, Past Grand Master of Idaho, of District of Columbia, D.D.G.M. of Alberta, and the representative of the Grand Master of Minnesota.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana, Bro. H. A. Johnson, welcomed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the State of Montana. Bro. J. J. Haytin, Mayor of Helena, extended the welcome on behalf of the City.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. J. W. Speer.

The Grand Master in his address states that: "For the third consecutive year we meet under the harsh conditions imposed by war, yet we can be thankful that our country has been spared the horrors of bombings and the destruction of invasion." He refers to the large number of dispensations granted, the majority of which were made for men in the armed forces, as emergency measures due to war conditions. Mention is made of the "Masonic Home" located in the Helena Valley "as visible evidence and a practical demonstration of the teachings of Masonry."

The Grand Master appears to have had a busy year. He attended the conference of Grand Masters of the United States, as well as the Masonic Service Association, held in Washington, D.C. He made 52 visitations within his own State and four to other Grand Jurisdictions and two in Canada—Vancouver in British Columbia and Ed-

monton, Alberta. While in Edmonton he visited Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142.

Certificates and badges were presented to twenty-one brethren who were 50 years or more members of Montana Lodges. 265 courtesy degrees were conferred on members of Montana Lodges by other Grand Jurisdictions, while 73 degrees were conferred by Montana Lodges for other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master reports that the Condition of Masonry in Montana is better than for many years, having a gain of 667 members, with only 135 members suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$77,219.04 and disbursements of \$70,032.07 leaving a balance on hand of \$49,089.38 in Bonds, Loans and Cash.

The net membership as at June 30th, 1944, was 18,721.

The Endowment Fund of the Montana Home for Masons now stands at \$194,027.94, the average monthly membership at the Home being 43, of which 32 are men from 63 to 91 years of age and 11 women from 65 to 96 years of age.

\$17,304.44 was sent to the Masonic Service Association and \$6,903.13 for Montana War Relief.

The D.D.G.M. of Alberta, R. W. Bro. Alex Paton, was received officially and extended greetings from Alberta.

The Grand Chaplain Dr. G. S. Sloan gave a very inspiring address, his closing thought being as follows: "That is the grandeur of America that spirit of protest against the things that confine and break down and kill—that spirit of protestantism to which our order has contributed so much, and I say this morning in closing, 'Thank God for Protestant America'."

The next Annual Communication will be held at Missoula, August 21st, 1945.

A.W.

NEBRASKA

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held at Omaha, June 6th and 7th, 1944, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William B. Wanner, presiding.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Alberta representative, W. Bro. M. Bolen, was present.

Grand Masters or their personal representatives from four other Grand Jurisdictions were present.

During the opening the national flag was presented by officers of the U.S. Army and suitably honored.

The Address of the Grand Master shows a busy year to have been spent by him. He repeats the complaint of all Grand Masters con-

cerning travelling restrictions. However, he seems to have got around considerably. Concerning the future of the Order his advice is timely:

"Money is plentiful at present. Let me warn you, as executive officers of your lodge, in the most solemn manner at my command: Put Your House In Order Now! If your lodge owes money, now is the time to plan to get out of debt. If there is a large amount of uncollected dues, do something about it. Compromise with these brethren, especially if they are no longer resident and get on a current basis with all members. There will be a bad time following this conflict."

The Grand Secretary's Report presents a great amount of detailed information. One feature of it is a list of all securities held by the Grand Lodges. Among these are a considerable number of provincial and municipal bonds from Canada.

From the Address of the Grand Orator the following definition of Freemasonry quoted by him is taken:

"The activity of closely united men who, employing symbolical forms, borrowed principally from the Mason's trade and from Architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others."

The War Service Committee reported over 5000 names of Masons and sons of Masons on their records. Of these 34 had been killed in action, 16 were missing and 20 were prisoners-of-war.

A lengthy and exhaustive report on physical qualifications was presented. It concluded with the following:

"It is as important to the speculative Craft as it was to the operative Craft to receive no apprentice whose physical condition impairs his ability to work and support himself and his family, and who thus will become a burden on the lodge.

"We therefore recommend that the provision of our By-laws as to physical imperfection shall remain. We do not approve the second paragraph of that portion of the Grand Master's Address entitled 'Physical Qualifications', but do approve the first one."

Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions are not reviewed in the Nebraska Proceedings.

Lodges, 284. Members, 32,519. Increase, 1,157.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. William C. Schaper.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Lewis E. Smith.

A.E.O.

NEVADA

The Eightieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at Carson City, June 8th and 9th, 1944, with M. W. Bro. Lem S. Allen presiding.

The opening ceremony included seasonable patriotic exercises.

The Alberta representative Bro. R. A. Trimble was present

From the Grand Master's Address the following is taken:

"Had France and Britain and Russia been united in the beginning, this war with Germany would never have happened. Had British and Chinese and American unity been effective when Japan first coveted the steel of Manchuria, that steel would not now be used to kill British, Chinese and American boys. Only by unity can we win this war—and only by unity can we have peace afterwards. That unity can be expressed by statesmen, but it has to start in the hearts of you and me, and our neighbors, in the conviction that we and our allies can, and must, and will destroy Nazism and Fascism, compose our differences, and make and keep this a decent world in which to live. To quote Halifax again, 'The things on which we differ are as a feather-weight in the balance against the eternal, fundamental things on which we agree.'

"At the end of the last war we and all our allies were too tired, and—yes, too spiritually weak to not only compose our differences but unite to preserve ourselves and the things in which we as Masons believe. This time will we be strong enough? Can there be any greater source of this particular strength than Masonry? The accounting is now, and will continue until the simple, profound principles of Freemasonry are the actual rule of our daily life, or the light of Masonry is extinguished."

A very interesting recommendation of the Grand Master is that each candidate before putting in his petition be given a summary of the fundamental teachings of freemasonry. This seems an excellent suggestion.

The proceedings contain the most detailed compilation of information concerning Freemasonry in Nevada which is possible. Much painstaking work is represented.

Alberta is carefully and understandingly reviewed.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Reno, June 14th, 1945.

Grand Master—Leslie M. Sanford.

Grand Secretary—E. C. Peterson.

Lodges, 38. Members, 3,407. Gain, 146.

A.E.O.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was opened in the City of St. John on the 24th day of August, 1944, and was presided over by M. W. Bro. James S. Hoyt who served his third term as Grand Master and who later was re-elected for the fourth term. We congratulate Bro. Hoyt, who is well known in Alberta, on these distinctive honors.

Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. Fraser, was not present.

Among the distinguished visitors were Grand Officers from Maine and Massachusetts. Representatives in New Brunswick from the

Grand Chapter, Scottish Rite, Grand Council, Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland, were also received.

We sympathize with New Brunswick in the loss of M. W. Bro. George D. Ellis, Grand Master 1924. The Grand Master in his Address pays tribute to the memory of M. W. Bro. Dr. George W. Kerby, of Alberta.

The Grand Master strikes an optimistic note when speaking of the coming victory. We excerpt from his address:

"The years of war through which we have passed and which we pray will soon be brought to a final glorious Allied Victory, have made many changes in our lives and in our country, and we must look for still more changes to come. Vacancies in our homes and lodges, created by those who have given their lives as a Supreme Sacrifice, to gain for this world, a place where free people could again hold up their heads, and profess their belief publicly, without fear of being imprisoned or murdered, will leave a lasting impression of the valiant and brave deeds which they have performed, and we must see and care for those they have left behind them, that they may not suffer for lack of our help and assistance.

"We must create in this great Fraternity of ours a unity to better the world in which we live and to establish therein a perfect keystone cementing Peace, Harmony and Love, into that brotherhood which creates and builds all nations of this world. The task of fraternizing the human race is of Divine Ordination and is a part of the program of this Great Brotherhood, and is the first and greatest need of the world today. Our task lies in a ceaseless endeavor to create universally right relationship between men and nations, founded upon and springing from the Brotherhood of Man."

The Grand Secretary made a report of his attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference and Grand Secretaries' Conference held in Washington, D.C. The expenses of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary was authorized for future Conferences.

43 Lodges. Membership, 5,311. Increase, 151.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. James S. Hoyt.

Grand Secretary—V. W. Bro. R. D. Magee.

M.M.D.

NEW YORK, 1943

The One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was convened in New York City on Tuesday, May 4th, 1943, with M. W. Bro. William F. Strang, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

This communication was honored by the presence of many distinguished brethren of other jurisdictions among whom were M. W. Bro. John A. McRae, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, accompanied by his Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois and his Grand Secretary; also M. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Grand Master

of the District of Columbia and executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association and many others.

The Address of the Grand Master is a very excellent piece of English, worthy of being read by Masons far and wide, and your reviewer received not only pleasure but a great deal of inspiration in reading it.

At the very outset he presents a challenge to his brethren to put forth their highest endeavours for the duration of the war when he states, and we quote:

"The War we wage today is more than a test of the military might of the United States. It is a challenge to the intelligence, courage and determination of the American people and of our devotion as Free Americans to our American institutions, and as Freemasons to the ancient precepts and the teachings of the Craft. It seemed to be too clear for argument that the present was the supreme time for us as Freemasons to bring forth definite and incontrovertible evidence of the fact that our professions are our actual beliefs and not the mere recital of a ritual, and that we should establish by our deeds that which we have so often promised by our words."

The war and the contribution which the Craft might make he regards as the single great responsibility which was of such transcendent importance as to dwarf all other problems. The objective was set at \$250,000.00 and the fund was to be known as the "Masonic War Chest" to be devoted to the interest of the brethren, their sons, and so far as possible to fellow citizens in the Armed Forces of the country. The fund will be disbursed by a committee consisting of the elective Grand Lodge officers together with ill. Bro. John B. Mullan, designated to represent in his person the concordant York and Scottish Rite Bodies. Primarily the fund would enable them to bring the services and associations of Freemasonry to the brethren, their sons and minister to the morale and welfare of all of those young men who have been called forth to fight our battles. The fund shall enable them to meet the emergencies of calamity and disaster and aid in administration of relief to those who shall need help without hindrance or delay. The fund for the year 1942-43 collected \$183,525.00.

In conjunction with the Masonic War Chest Fund a committee on Military and Naval Service was established with the idea that its main purpose would be to keep in touch, through New York State Lodges and other Grand Lodges and their lodges, with the men in service and assist in establishing Masonic contacts and procuring Masonic courtesies for the members and their sons in the various military camps. Through the monies available from the Masonic War Chest this committee have been able to equip day rooms in various military camps in the State and to equip and operate Masonic centers. In addition to operating their own Masonic Centers, New York has co-operated with the Masonic Service Association, the guiding light of which is Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary, who gave a very interesting address on the work of his association in many of the Army Camps in the United States.

In addition to the work of the Grand Lodge in the War effort, many lodges are sponsoring the sale of War Bonds, in securing blood donors for the Red Cross, and further the work of service organizations.

In the budget an appropriation of \$1,000.00 was set aside to take care of the relief of distressed Masons and their families in China. The Grand Master voices his disapproval of the proposal to remit the dues of brethren in the Armed Forces.

In the report of organized charities of Grand Lodge 390 persons were receiving relief at a cost of \$83,122.34. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Masonic Home at Utica, during which time the Committee or Trustees have received and disbursed over thirty million dollars.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommends that the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia in Exile be given recognition by the Grand Lodge of New York. This Grand Lodge was set up in London by agreement with the United Grand Lodge of England with certain restrictions imposed upon it. It is composed of representatives of the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia. Recognition of Grand Lodges in Mexico was deferred pending further investigation.

A very interesting report is presented by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, especially referring to the restoration of lodges in the devastated areas of Europe. Their Solomon Lodge offered a resolution by which they would be enabled to sponsor or adopt for rehabilitation a Blue Lodge of Master Masons from one of the countries where organized Masonry has been destroyed. The committee while recognising the great task that will lie before the Masonic Fraternity in the work of reconstruction, regrets that the time is not ripe to decide upon any plan for Masonry's part in world rebuilding. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved for the duration of the war, that the Grand Master be, and hereby he is, invited to act on behalf of Grand Lodge in the matter of the manifold problems confronting Freemasonry at home and abroad, as in his wise judgment may work for their temporary or permanent solution; that for the period of the war, so called "nice questions of jurisdiction and authority" be considered as secondary where fraternal help and assistance are essential; that hospitality in our Jurisdiction and the privilege to serve their own people be extended to refugee Grand Lodges or to remnants of Grand Lodges, or to refugee groups of Masons of the obedience to Grand Lodges suppressed by the common enemy or presently unable to function. That as Grand Master, by dispensation or otherwise, as seems to him best, he act to pave a way to a solution of the problems of our brethren of other jurisdictions in distress. That in this effort he deem himself free to invoke the assistance of any or all whom he feels can render service; to designate committees for this purpose and in all respects to act that in the days to come Freemasons throughout the world may know that Grand Lodge, in sympathy and affection, understood their sufferings and their needs and would and did extend a helping hand whenever and wherever it could."

Ossian Lang, the Grand Historian, in his report makes a very interesting contribution entitled "125 Years of Freemasonry at Waterloo, New York". We strongly recommend this article to the students of Freemasonry.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. James E. Craig, editorial writer of the New

York Sun. It is a pen picture of Freemasonry in the world today and is the most complete and comprehensive survey and review of Masonry that it has been our privilege to read. It is unfortunate that it cannot be more widely read; as a pamphlet it would offer great scope to the Lodge Committees on Research and Education. It is written in excellent English, easy to read and it contains facts and deals with matters that would astound the average Mason and cause him to feel justifiable pride in being privileged to call himself a Mason.

This volume is replete with Masonic knowledge that we feel we have only touched the surface but we wish to state that it has been a great pleasure in reviewing this volume.

W.I.

NEW YORK, 1944

The One Hundred and Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was convened in the City of New York on May 2nd, 1944, with M. W. Bro. William F. Strang, Grand Master, presiding.

The Proceedings were graced with the presence of many distinguished brethren among whom were M. W. Bro. T. M. Wardley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

In reading the Address of the Grand Master of New York a reviewer naturally feels that he has his hand on the pulse of Freemasonry, and in this respect I have not been disappointed. Many are the subjects dealt with by M. W. Bro. Strang. The war effort must take a predominant place and the many features arising out of the war call for consideration. Through their War Chest this Grand Lodge has spent something like \$650,000.00; they not only maintain Masonic Service Centers in their own State but also one in London, England. A substantial sum has been reserved to assist disabled brethren returning to civil life; they have employed a full time director of the program of rehabilitation.

Physical qualifications is a subject arising out of the war; many Grand Lodges do not consider this doctrine as one of the Landmarks of Freemasonry, and there seems to be a considerable body of opinion that the policy on this question should be liberalized. The Grand Master therefore appointed a special committee to report their findings to Grand Lodge. This Committee reported and I cull the following from its report:

"Our Grand Lodge is not organized on an insurance basis. Freemasonry is dedicated to the service of mankind; its members should be qualified to contribute each his share of and to that service. Some contribute by reason of their physical abilities to serve; others by reason of their mental abilities to serve; both groups are needed."

"Loyalty to our Fraternity demands of us that we act with care and in reason when weighing the qualifications of a candidate for Masonry. He should join to serve not to be served."

The Committee offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

"Ability, with or without artificial aid or substitution of members, reasonably to conform to the ritual, and capacity to earn a living for himself and family; provided however, that the Grand Master shall have power by dispensation in individual cases to waive disability to conform to the ritual, but not disability to earn a living for himself and family, which qualifications must be determined by the Lodge.

Freemasonry in war devastated lands was another question that required consideration, and in conjunction with Grand Masters from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Illinois, a committee was formed to devise some ways and means whereby such a plan may be carried out.

The Grand Master suggested that \$1,000.00 should be sent to aid Masonic refugees in Sweden.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a net increase in membership of 2,527.

The Grand Lodge was presented with the Working Tools used by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales when laying the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic, London, England, on the 30th April, 1929.

One of the outstanding features of this Grand Lodge is the presentation each year of a Grand Lodge Medal for distinguished achievement. Last year the medal was awarded to Bro. Edward Vernon Rickenbacker, who could not be present to receive it, however, he was present at this Grand Lodge and was presented to the East where the Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson read the citation and the Grand Master made the presentation. The reply of Bro. Rickenbacker makes most interesting reading, telling in his own way the highlights of his tremendous experience.

The award for 1944 was made to Bro. Lauritz L. H. Melchior who was escorted to the East and presented with the medal by the Grand Master. Needless to say Bro. Melchior was thus honored for his contribution to music, being a singer of world renown. In his reply the brother spoke of the value of the three Lights of Beauty, Wisdom and Power and what they have been able to do for him.

Would you like to get a perspective of the World of Freemasonry? Then read the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as presented by M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnston and prepared by R. W. Bro. James E. Craig, who in daily life is the chief editorial writer of the New York *Sun*. The report partakes of the nature of the "Topical" and covers a wide range, such as "The Flood-tide of American Masonry", "The Theory of the Perfect Youth", "Courtesy Degrees", "War-time Activities of American Masonry", "Progress Under Difficulties", "Masonry in the British Isles", "Masonry in Australia", "Masonry in the Pacific".

Under the title of Freemasonry in Canada our own Grand Lodge receives generous consideration, quotations being taken from the address of M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, and we thank the author for his kindly reference.

It is impossible to set forth in a limited review many of the avenues of thought that are opened up by reading the proceedings of this

Grand Lodge but to the student of Freemasonry I would commend the volume as a source of information replete with detail for many evenings of lodge discussion.

W.I.

NEW ZEALAND

Membership is the highest in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction, viz., 27,685, an increase of 471 during the year and three thousand members enlisted in the Services.

The President of the Board of Benevolence made a very comprehensive report and dealing with the subject of Annuitants, V. W. Bro. H. Hatch said:

"I think the time has arrived when Grand Lodge should insist that all candidates, before admission, should have made some reasonable insurance or other provision for their dependents. We had an application this year from a widow whose husband was only six months a Mason. This, of course, is only looking for trouble. Few lodges seem to realise that once they admit a brother to their lodge, even if he is demitted and does not join another lodge, or if he is struck off for non-payment of dues, he is still their responsibility, and may in course of time be a liability, as some lodges have found to their cost and worry. On several occasions during the past year the Board has had to return questionnaires to the lodges for further information regarding their annuitants, as it was obvious the annuitant had not been interviewed."

It was announced that the Widows, Orphans and Aged Freemasons Fund had received a bequest of £2,500/0/0. during the year. Would that more brethren had our Charities in mind when making their testamentary dispositions.

This Grand Jurisdiction also directs attention to the expediency of ensuring that every candidate coming forward being required to show that he had provided for his future. Brethren dying intestate often occasion considerable trouble and not a little anxiety when efforts have to be made in retrospect to fathom what may have been in a brother's mind. Your reviewer remembers being asked by his D.G.M. in Japan, over thirty years ago, if he had made his will, as the Body to which admission was sought made such a provision a sine qua non before advancement. Your reviewer might also mention that in his present ecclesiastical work many women have asked that he might try to persuade their men-folk to make a will. It is a duty no man, much less a Brother should delay.

After more than half a century's labour of transferring the records and furniture of Grand Lodge and the Staff and their families to a new home every two years, involving as it does in this year of grace the transportation of some eighty tons measurement and a great deal of manual labour, it has been decided to establish a permanent location for Grand Lodge in Wellington, where will be provided a Board Room, Reception Rooms, Library, Museum and offices for the Secretarial Staff. Provision is also made for a branch office of Grand Lodge in the centre where Grand Lodge holds its Annual Communication away from the permanent Headquarters.

The Address of the M. W. the Grand Master almost compels your reviewer to forget the injunction to conserve paper; to reprint it in toto in our Proceedings would be conferring upon our brethren a real favour. Two paragraphs may serve to demonstrate its sterling worth.

"Looking around at this wonderful gathering, one must be impressed by the fact that, in spite of the strife and turmoil that after more than four years is still raging throughout the world, we are able to meet and assemble in the manner characteristic of Masons—in peace, love and harmony. We should remember therefore, that as never before we have a responsibility to all the freedom-loving people in the universe. For many years our Institution has stood for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of mankind. May we realise our duty afresh, and with all our energies of mind and body strive to promulgate and exemplify throughout the world the principles we love and in which we place our hope for the future. The outside world knows little of what we do here, but it knows all about us as individuals in the sphere of life in which Providence has placed us.

"A new day will be born when the monster created by men, motivated by greed, avarice and the desire for power shall fall apart, and its reign of bloodshed, ruthlessness and bestial cruelty will be no more—a new day when the Sun, the glory of the Lord will again rise in the heavens with healing in its wings, bringing peace and happiness to all mankind, when the yoke of the oppressor shall be torn from the necks of the enslaved people of the earth. May the day be not far distant when such wishful thoughts will be transformed into actual realities, and as we await the dawn let us face the problems and perplexities of the day with confidence and faith in the omnipotent power of Him who said, 'Be of good courage, Fear not, I will help thee, I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee'."

G.H.C-W.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Raleigh, N.C., on April 18th and 19th, 1944, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. W. Payne, presiding.

The Grand Master in his Address gave a very complete account of his activities during the year. Although your Reviewer finds little that is of direct interest to members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, nevertheless he is impressed with the multifarious duties undertaken and rulings given by M. W. Bro. Payne in his capacity as Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary, in his Report, shows that twenty-three Fifty-year Emblems were presented during the Masonic year.

The Grand Orator, Honourable E. B. Denny, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in his Address discusses Masonry as it has affected or been affected by some of the great crises in American history. He said: "In the establishment of our Republic the overwhelming majority of the leaders were Masons. They wrought well for the cause of liberty and justice. Not as partisan political leaders, who sought to build a dynasty to perpetuate themselves in power,

but as patriots and statesmen to establish a government which would forever be controlled and directed by the sovereign will of a free people." Further, "It is significant that Masonry has been privileged in recent decades to function without interference from governmental decrees, only in democratic countries."

Quoting the adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword," he went on to say, "The infiltration of an idea into the mind of man may be the imperceptible influence which shapes and fashions his destiny. That which influences one may also influence another, and sometimes a few men influence a whole people. Unfortunately, man has shown an alacrity for embracing false and dangerous doctrines, which certainly equals, if it does not surpass, his capacity and aptitude for embracing truth. We wonder in amazement why man does not discern more clearly between the true and the false and thereby avoid the pitfalls which have retarded human progress through the centuries. But, today the thinking of whole peoples is being regimented through censorship and propaganda. Unsound leadership, however, cannot build an enduring and acceptable order among men."

In concluding his Address, the Grand Orator used these words: "When we are again permitted to turn our thoughts to constructive planning, in a world free from war, surely Masonic light and truth will find their proper place in the thinking and conduct of our Masonic brethren in whatever quarter of the globe they may be found."

This was truly a most thoughtful and timely address for these days.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes concludes with this paragraph, "Finally, we are convinced that North Carolina Masonry has never had, in all its long years of life and service, so challenging an opportunity as that which faces it in these days, and we call here and now on every Mason in our State to rededicate himself to this great Order we love so well."

The Report of the Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association shows that while the actual work on the Memorial is to all intents and purposes discontinued for the duration, funds are on hand with which to resume this work after the War. Part of the building is completed and in use for Masonic purposes at the present time.

There is no report of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R. W. Bro. W. F. Puffer, of Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe.

Number of Lodges, 316. Membership, 28,243. Gain, 1,651.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Julius C. Hobbs.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, P.G.M.

M.J.B.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held at Fargo, June 20th and 21st, 1944, with the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Reinhart Gilbertson presiding.

The Alberta representative W. Bro. Williams J. Hutcheson was present.

During the opening ceremonies a color party placed the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack in positions of honor and "America" and "God Save the King" were sung.

From the Grand Master's Address the following concluding paragraph is taken:

"I hope we continue to study our ritual, knowing it means more to us than being proficient in the work in the lodge room. It is something that goes with us as we labour in our usual avocations. It comforts us. It strengthens us. It gives us vision. It helps subdue our passion. It helps us to understand the other man's problems. It encourages us to be charitable in our thoughts, words and actions. And mostly it teaches us to be good citizens of a mighty good country."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary show Masonry in North Dakota to be in a flourishing condition.

The Grand Orator W. Bro. Alexander G. Bun, a justice of the Supreme Court delivered a very fine oration on the subject "We are Freeborn". The entire address is worthy of reproduction, but one brief excerpt is all that space will allow. The following paragraph forms part of a powerful argument to show that opportunity and obligation go together:

"Over twenty-five years ago, we had a magnificent opportunity. The oppressed of the world turned to us with hope and longing and we refused the proffered leadership. Are we to do it again? Our Masonic brethren throughout the world are fighting valiantly against desperate odds to maintain the same principles which we advocate and which are proved to be the foundation for free peoples. Are we to stand idly by in the fatuous belief that we are immune?"

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

"Past Grand Master John Moses (116) cordially welcomed five brethren whose Masonic membership had extended over half a century or more. These brethren were Louis B. Hanna (20), 59 years; Walter L. Stockwell (120-11-30), 53 years; Grant Giltner (124), 54 years; Edwin M. Pool (102), 52 years; and Weston G. Merrifield (57), 51 years.

"This special recognition is not accorded because of length of years so much, as length of Masonic service."

International Gathering on Masonic Island

"Due to travel restrictions the attendance at the annual picnic at Masonic Island, Lake Metigoshe was not as large as had been anticipated, although the day was beautiful and delightful for an occasion of this kind. However, there were a goodly number present and the spirit of fellowship prevailed. Judge Grimson, District Deputy Grand Master, presided and made the program arrangements. I was happy to attend this picnic party and went from Devil's Lake to the Island with Senior Warden H. W. Swenson."

The following statistical comparisons form part of the report of the Grand Secretary:

"Now for some comparisons. In 1943, the number raised was 310 against 255 in 1942—240 in 1941. Number reinstated 219 as against

168 in 1942 and 138 in 1941. Total increase in 1943 635 as against 531 in 1942 and 477 in 1941. On the debit side the number demitted in 1943 was 192 as against 180 in 1942 and 205 in 1941. Deaths run fairly even. Our members grow old and die. In 1943 members who died were 217; 1942, 210; 1941, 215, but when it comes to suspension N.P.D., 1943 shows 107 as against 148 in 1942 and 219 in 1941, clearly indicating improved economic conditions, consequently better ability to pay dues. So when we come to balance the increases in 1943, 635 against decreases 518, we show for the first time since 1928 a net gain in membership of 117. For the turn in the tide let us all greatly rejoice. Naturally the conditions mentioned above meant very materially improved financial conditions."

A particularly useful feature of the proceedings is the statistical summary of lodges and membership in all the grand jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. At the end of the years 1943 and 1944, 15,215 lodges with a total membership of 2,560,752 were working in the United States exclusive of the Philippine Islands, representing an increase of 83,401 over the preceding year. The corresponding figures for Canada are 1,374 lodges, 168,476 members, increase 3,240.

The 1945 Annual Communication will be held in Grand Forks.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Swenson.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell.

Lodges, 119. Members, 10,695. Increase, 131.

A.E.O.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in the City of Halifax on the 14th day of June, 1944, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. T. Powers, presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Geoffrey Stevens, was present.

The Grand Master refers to an old maxim but always true; we excerpt:

"The Masonic Order prides itself on the character and calibre of its members. In almost every community the Masons are looked upon as leaders, and as such we must accept the responsibility of leadership."

M. W. Bro. Powers made a drive to raise \$50,000.00 to add to the Masonic Home Endowment. The response was most gratifying. In this Home 173 guests have been received since the opening. Fifty-three guests have received assistance outside the Home. There were eight admissions during the year and four guests passed away. Lodges, individuals and other Masonic bodies find this Home a scope for their activities.

In the report of the Endowment Fund Committee, we excerpt:

"All this information was sent to the lodges and they were asked to start the campaign as quickly as possible. Some went right to work and in a short time had reached or exceeded their quota. Others waited until the new Masters were installed, thus causing delay. A few replied,

stating that conditions prevented them taking any action until the end of the year, and a few others that they could take no action at all."

This is true in raising any fund.

85 Lodges. Membership, 8,843. Increase, 540.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. M. R. Chappell.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. James C. Jones.

M. M. D.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio was held in the City of Cleveland on October 25th, 1944, with M. W. Bro. A. A. Stephens, Grand Master, presiding.

A large number of distinguished visitors from jurisdictions in the United States and Canada were in attendance.

We are pleased to note that the Representative from Alberta was present and answered the roll call.

The Address of the Grand Master is an account of his stewardship and on reading over his list of visitations made one cannot help but marvel at the amount of time and energy put into his year of office. The Dean of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams, passed to his rest during the year and the Grand Master pays a wonderful tribute to this great Mason.

The Grand Master took a keen interest in the members in the armed services. When informed of their induction he personally wrote each one and received replies from all parts of the world. He commends the work of the Ohio War Board and the response of the brethren in furnishing funds to establish and maintain Masonic Service Centers. One lodge sent each of their members a cheque at Christmas in the form of a specially prepared Christmas Cheque emblematical of the spirit of Christmas; they also wrote a letter to their families at home. The Grand Master attended the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association and presented them with a cheque for \$5,000.00 for their war work.

The Grand Master sent a letter to each of the lodges commending the observation of "National Bible Week".

How often have we heard the phrase "One a Mason always a Mason" and the Grand Master exhorts the lodges to withdraw the affiliation fee as an inducement to attract non-affiliates. I wonder if it's really a matter of money that causes so many to take their demits and carry them around in their pockets and continue to wear Masonic emblems. I think the answer lies in the action of the Grand Master under the heading of "New Members", when he suggests more attention to new members. Make Masons at the start and I am sure the non-affiliate problem will solve itself. He reports of one lodge who obtains a "commercial report" on each candidate for initiation. This may have advantage under certain conditions, but I doubt its general acceptance in the body of Masonry.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net increase of 11,463 in membership and it is interesting to read the data contained in his statistical report.

An excellent report was presented by the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home which contains some 431 residents. 110 former residents, boys and girls, are now in the armed services; three have paid the supreme sacrifice and three wounded. The Masonic Home endowment fund makes a strong plea for funds to carry on the work of the Home.

A compliment was paid M. W. Bro. T. C. Wardley of Ontario in that his address on the American Flag at the Grand Lodge of Iowa was printed in full in this proceedings under Appendix A.

A feature in the Proceedings is a list of the members in the United States Service with their lodge number.

Dr. James J. Tyler continues his history of the beginning of Freemasonry in Ohio by writing on Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties which deals with the beginning of what is now the City of Cleveland. Ohio is indeed fortunate in having this work prepared for I am afraid many Grand Lodges would like to have a complete account of the early pioneers who laid the foundations of Freemasonry in our jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by M. W. Bro. Earle Stewart, P.G.M., and is in the form of individual reviews of each Grand Lodge. Alberta for 1943 and 1944 receives very generous treatment at his hands and I would particularly like to express my thanks for his kind compliment to Alberta. It would give us a great deal of pleasure to welcome you to our Communications and I feel confident you would not be disappointed.

W.I.

OKLAHOMA

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was held at Guthrie on February 8th and 9th, 1944, in the Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Fred Latham, presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

Nineteen Past Masters were in attendance and six Distinguished Guests were welcomed by the Grand Master.

Alberta's Representative, W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, was also present.

The Grand Master paid well deserved tributes to those in charge of the governing and running of the many charitable organizations under the control of Grand Lodge, making special mention of the Masonic Homes and Service Centers.

In dealing with his visits to constituent lodges he found that many were charging less than the required fees. From this, the Grand Master realized that difficulties were evident, through lack of understanding and interest, and several consolidations were brought about.

Some lodges too, were carrying more insurance than necessary and some none at all.

This situation is now being remedied.

Other lodges were kindly chided on the fact that unnecessary and vexing situations had arisen and questions asked, which, if a little more thought and reading had been expended, would have saved hours of letter writing.

The so-called "Honorary Roll" came in for some criticism, owing to the fact that the lodges had, in many cases, ceased to keep in contact with the members concerned.

Sixteen Fifty-year Buttons were presented by the Grand Master, fourteen within his own jurisdiction.

The address concludes with a high tribute to the work of the Past Grand Masters and subordinate officers.

All in all, to this reviewer, the Grand Master appears to have had a strenuous year of office, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that his work was well and truly done.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed a very satisfactory balance in all departments.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. John Hubbard, in an outstanding forceful address, stressed the need of a return to the plan of human conduct as enunciated in the Sermon on the Mount.

He struck home very hard when he said that "we as a people have too often used the powers of intellect and cunning without conscience. We have taken the implements of power and the products of science, and appropriated them to selfishness and lust. We have made Gods of luxury and entertainment, and we have used the products of modern invention to stifle and inhibit the 'Still Small Voice' of righteousness inherent in the human soul."

Lodges, 394. Membership, 47,578. Gain, 2,667.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Gerald L. Brown.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon.

F.P.

OREGON

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, was held at Portland, on June 14th, 15th and 16th, 1944.

All meetings were presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kenneth M. Robb, and were extremely well attended.

After the invocation by the Chaplain, the flags of the United States and Canada were posted with a most impressive ceremony.

Eight distinguished Masonic guests were received and cordially welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and accorded Grand Honours.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Portland City Commissioner, and by the Governor of the State, M. W. Bro. Earl Snell, P.G.M. The Governor reminded his hearers of the words used by a former

president of the United States, Bro. Abraham Lincoln, when things were very dark - "I am doing the very best that I can, the best that I know how, and I propose to keep on so doing until the end" - a pungent thought for all of us in these and future days.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. E. L. York, was present and answered the roll.

M. W. Bro. Robb, who was born in Ontario, requested the Ontario Representative to respond, which P.G.M. Percy Kelly did, saying many nice things about Ontario.

The Grand Master's Address was very business-like and informative. He reported having attended a conference of the Grand Masters of the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions at Washington, D.C. A paper was read on the Landmark requiring candidates to be unblemished in body and of twenty-one years, and in reply, a very fine paper pointed out "that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that recommend a man for Masonry."

No rule was formulated, which possibly was wise, for each request for admission must be decided on its merits.

The Grand Master stressed the need of more education to arouse interest in those newly admitted to the Order, and intimated that it was his belief this was the cause of so many in the past dropping out of the ranks of Masonry.

Another excerpt reads: "Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorily observed. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty creeds to which lip service is given. It is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by good fellowship, humanized in charity, and dedicated to service."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Raymond B. Walker, spoke during the afternoon of the first day on "Citizens of Tomorrow", and struck a high note as he pointed out the need for a heightened and tightened sense of trusteeship.

M. W. Bro. George E. Bacheller, Grand Master of Idaho, R. W. Bro. Gilbert C. DeForest, D.G.M. of California, M. W. Bro. Clyde I. Rush, P.G.M. Grand Secretary of Idaho, and M. W. Bro. W. J. Kerr, P.G.M., were honoured guests and gave inspiring addresses.

Life memberships now total 1,690, of which 723 were issued during the last year.

The Treasurer's Report showed that the sum of \$305,134.00 is now in the Educational Fund which is nearly a quarter of all assets.

The banquet was attended by 540 members and was one of the highlights of the Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. D. R. Cheney, was re-elected to the office he has held since 1922.

Members now stand at 25,882, showing a gain of 1,231. Lodges 172.

Alberta, 1943, was very kindly and fully reviewed.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Harry D. Proudfoot.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. D. Rufus Cheney.

F.P.

PENNSYLVANIA

Quarterly Communications were held on March 1st, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th, and the Annual Communication on December 27th, 1944, all presided over by R. W. Grand Master, Bro. Scott S. Leiby.

The Gran Logia De Chile received Fraternal recognition.

The Masonic Military and Naval Service Committee rendered splendid services and made a report of their many activities through the Grand Jurisdiction. The work in Philadelphia was most outstanding.

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, we excerpt:

"In 1832, Grand Lodge received from the estate of Stephen Girard, late a member of Lodge No. 3, the sum of \$20,000.00. This was the first bequest made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for charitable purposes.

"Under the terms of the will the fund was to be invested and re-invested until the principal amounted to \$30,000.00. When the bequest amounted to that sum the income was to be distributed to 'Poor and respectable brothers of the degree of a Master Mason.'

"The original bequest of \$20,000.00 has increased in value to over \$80,000.00 and during the past one hundred years the Stewards have distributed approximately \$300,000.00 to poor and respectable brother Master Masons, and we have no doubt that this Fund has been a great help to many distressed brethren, and has made life's pathway a great deal smoother for them."

The capital account of the Masonic charities amounts to \$1,-188,014.31, the greater part of it being in real estate and mortgages. Grand Lodge maintains a number of Masonic Homes and we excerpt from the report on admissions:

"In the consideration of applications for admission to the Masonic Homes, the Sub-Committee on Admissions has, in each case, conscientiously endeavored to give the most careful consideration to all the facts and circumstances relating to and surrounding the individual applicant as set forth in the application and reports of the District Deputy Grand Master and Committee of Investigation.

"Many unusual questions have arisen during the past year which were peculiar to the situation of the individual applicant, but these have all been met and solved in a manner which we hope will have the approval of those who are sincerely interested in the conduct of the Masonic Homes.

"Because of the limited capacity of the Masonic Homes, first consideration must be given to the most urgent cases. Investigation in many instances discloses that applicants for admission have such sums of money, or other liquid assets, which will take care of their immediate needs—if not entirely, at least through the help of the Home Assistance Funds. In others, that relatives are able to and should minister unto them, and the committee feels they should assume the responsibility.

"During the past year, we were again confronted with a decrease in the number of applications for children, and at the same time an increase in the number of applications for the aged. We have today, only 51 boys and girls in the Masonic Homes, and have the facilities to take care of more worthy children of deceased Master Masons."

Employment Bureaus are maintained by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master issued a Dispensation to a Past Master authorizing him to fill the station of Worshipful Master at a stated meeting to be held, to open and close the lodge and proceed with all business incident thereto, in the absence of the W.M., S.W., and J.W., provided, however, if any of the said officers should return before the stated meeting, they shall assume their proper stations in the usual manner. This is proper but not always understood.

The following is an interesting decision and one in which we concur:

"In order to clarify an apparent misunderstanding which appears to prevail in this Jurisdiction, it is my decision that 'Free Born' does not in any manner refer to illegitimacy and inasmuch as it appears to me that by Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the Digest of Decisions, many honest and respectable men have, through no fault of their own, been deprived of the privileges of becoming members of our Fraternity, I am of the opinion, after very serious consideration, that such decisions should no longer be a part of the Rules and Regulations governing admissions to our Fraternity and I therefore now revoke said Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the 1937 Edition of the Digest of Decisions above referred to, in the hope that we may correct a serious injustice which has for a number of years been permitted to exist in our fraternity."

562 Lodges. Membership, 179,467. Increase, 6,728

Grand Master—R. W. Bro. Scott Leiby.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Matthew Galt.

M. M. D.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held at Charlottetown on Wednesday, June 28th, 1944, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. Arthur Dawson, presiding.

Alberta's representative, V. W. Bro. G. R. Brady, failed to answer to the roll call of Grand Representatives. R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond of Hanna, is the Grand Representative of Prince Edward Island in Alberta.

All the principal officers including nine Past Grand Masters and one Past Deputy Grand Master were present. Prince Edward Island is the smallest of our Canadian Grand Lodges, they having 15 chartered lodges with a total membership of 1,068, a gain of 19 members. There appears to have been 84 members present at Grand Lodge. 5 Dispensations were granted to attend Divine Service in Regalia and 7 to confer degrees within a shorter period of time.

Two brethren received Fifty-year membership buttons. The M. W. Grand Master made official visits to each one of the 13 lodges and a joint visit to the two lodges located in Charlottetown—a most satisfactory record and year of service. The following can be quoted to good advantage and benefit from his address:

“As I draw near the close of my sojourn in office I wish to leave this thought with you. As we meet the problems and troubles of the post war world, always remember, that Masonry teaches us to live in accordance with the teachings of the commandments of God, to be honest and fair in our dealings, to contribute to the relief of the poor distressed brother, to assist the widow and protect and care for the orphan, loyalty to government, and reverence to Almighty God, and the invoking of His blessings on all our undertakings. May we never overlook the opportunity at all times to impress upon the world that these are the things that Masonry stands for, and that we as individuals not only believe in these principles, but practice them. Let us continue to face the future with full and complete faith in the ultimate triumph of decency, morality, and justice for all.”

M. W. Grand Master—Waldin H. Darrach, Kensington.

R. W. Grand Secretary—R. A. McDougall, Charlottetown.

S. H.

QUEBEC

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on the 11th day of October, 1944, with Past Grand Master H. A. Mitchell on the Throne. Regrets were expressed at the sudden illness of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Carswell.

The newly appointed Grand Representative of Alberta, R. W. Bro. C. W. Henry, was absent.

In 1922 the Grand Master of Quebec made a ruling, which was never enforced, regarding a Mason's Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. M. W. Bro. Carswell says:

“I have therefore ruled that the above ruling with respect to the forfeiture of a Mason's standing should he become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, is absolutely without Constitutional effect. It is obvious, of course, that my ruling is not intended to convey any recognition of the Order of the Eastern Star which is not one of those Bodies recognized by this Grand Lodge of Quebec.

“With reference to the general question of rulings given by Grand Masters from time to time, it is my opinion that they should be formally reviewed at least every five years and re-affirmed and published in the Grand Lodge Report for ready reference and identification.”

Regarding Physical Impairments, we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

“I suggest to my successor in office that the question of physical impairments in their relation to candidates should be immediately studied and definite recommendations made in connection therewith to this Grand Lodge. It is unthinkable that, in general, any returned

soldier should be debarred from Masonry on account of physical handicaps which were the result of his devotion to duty."

During the year the Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Walter Williamson was tendered a banquet, the occasion being the 25th Anniversary as Grand Secretary and also his completion of 60 years' membership in the Craft. Alberta with other Grand Jurisdictions join in hearty congratulations to Bro. Williamson.

The following motion was passed by Grand Lodge:

"That this Grand Lodge does remit all dues, fees, or assessments, which have been, or should have been, paid to this Grand Lodge, on behalf of such members during the current year."

"For this purpose the Grand Secretary shall be asked to communicate with the Secretary of each constituent Lodge, as soon as possible, asking for a certified return, giving the necessary data."

"One Candidate only can be obligated in the Entered Apprentice Degree at any one time, but in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees, it is permissible to obligate in groups of 1 to 5 Candidates at any one time."

As the Grand Lodge has been operating for 75 years the Grand Master had requested the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Williamson to prepare an address covering a review of the activities of Grand Lodge during that period. Bro. Williamson's review, in addition to Masonic history, touched the high lights of world history during the same time. This Address is worth reading by any Masonic Student who will learn of the early history of Masonry within the Dominion.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. D. G. P. Sanderson.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. W. W. Williamson.

94 Lodges. Membership 13,893. Increase, 319.

M.M.D.

QUEENSLAND

For the tenth successive year the Grand Jurisdiction of Queensland elected His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., LL.D., Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year 1943-4.

In returning thanks the Grand Master bore tribute to the loyal and efficient assistance of the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Assistant Grand Master, all of whom had been in their respective offices during the decade of his Mastership, and declared himself more proud than ever to hold that position, as each year allowed him to find a greater understanding of the true meaning of Freemasonry, a far better interpretation of the word Freemason in its appeal to the best instincts of man, in the meaning of freedom and greater friendship. "There is perhaps nothing more true than that the real tragedy of the world lies in the fact that men are strangers; not that men are wicked, for who can claim to be good? not that men are ignorant, for who can boast that he is wise? but that men are strangers. Freemasonry, with the help and guidance of the G.A.O.T.U. shows us all the path of friendship. Let us walk along that path together to a

future when our sons and their sons can, with confidence, face the years ahead in sure knowledge that all carry in their hands not a sword for war, but a sword for evil, and in their hearts a happiness born of the knowledge that all is well in the world, that each and all are glad to be alive and determined to do something to make the world a better place for those who come after."

From the Report of the Board of General Purposes we read:

"Following the lead of the Grand Lodge of England it was resolved to authorize the Grand Secretary to arrange with any convenient lodge in this Jurisdiction or that of any other recognised Grand Lodge, to Initiate, Pass or Raise any Candidate who has been accepted for membership in this or any recognised Grand Lodge Jurisdiction at the request of the relative Grand Lodge or Lodge, and any such request made to this Grand Lodge to be reviewed by the permission to Ballot Committee for record and approval of the Lodge to which the work is allotted. This decision of Grand Lodge to be limited to the duration of the war and six months thereafter."

A ruling by the M. W. the Grand Master which may be pertinent to some Grand Jurisdictions on this Continent reads: "Whereas a practice has evolved to allow lady friends who prepare the festive board to have seats at a table within the precincts, providing no reference is made during the proceedings to purely Masonic matters, it is considered that a general invitation, by card or otherwise, to ladies, is undesirable."

Extracts from a letter received from Papua by the Grand Master will serve to show that not only is the Temple which was commenced in October, 1922, still undestroyed but is serving a very useful purpose there in these days.

"We now have a most enthusiastic gathering at Fraternal, which meets every second Saturday. Numbers vary a bit between 130 down to 65, yet some of the small meetings have reached a high level. The U.N.E. Fraternal shows signs of vigorous growth. During last June the brethren met in an equipment shed. The machinery gave a realistic touch to our speculative studies. The meeting grew and some other building was necessary. Wor. Bro. Liberty was the President and I suggested to him that perhaps he would co-operate with my Church lads in erecting a Church Hut. The brethren could use it every Saturday night if necessary. The suggestion appealed to him, especially as I should be living on the spot to attend to the building and supervision of the place. The brethren approved the idea and an Architect prepared the plans and work soon went ahead. The brethren 'had a mind to work'.

"The building is 45 ft. by 30 ft. and will accommodate up to 200. When completed it surprised the visitors by its size and workmanship. The roof is of sago leaf, all put on by brethren, but prepared by my native boys employed at Angau. The walls are of sisal craft overlaid with sago frond midrib, making it very substantial and sound-proof to some extent.

"The dais at the end provides seating for visiting Worshipful Brethren, and draped with flags it gives colour and brightness to the interior.

"We open in the usual way in the First Degree, but S--s or T--s are not used, except the Sign F. Then after a hymn the business is

dealt with. Then follows a short lecture on Masonry in general. Some excellent contributions have reminded us of the dignity and personal conduct required of us as brethren. These have proved a great boon giving information and pleasure to the Lodge.

"We close in the regular way, but without S--s. The South develops into a sing-song, social contacts are made, and the various units here are brought together. Already we have secretaries appointed for each State with a view to further gatherings when the war is over."

On Anzac Day, April 25th, 1944, a specially fine attendance of Freemasons assembled around the Memorial Urn when the M. W. the Grand Master personally attended and delivered a fine address to those present.

G.H.C-W.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

The One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in Providence, May 15th, 1944, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. Simpson, presiding.

In looking over the Proceedings of this Communication one finds little that is of direct interest to the Masons of Alberta.

M. W. the Grand Master, in his Address, reported that for the first time in many years they were able to show an increase in membership. In mentioning this he said, "... we must not lose sight of the fact that by simply adding numbers to our rolls it will not increase our strength unless these new Masons are Masons at heart. We have in the past years lost many members on account of their loss of interest." "To save the souls of those we already have and bring back into the Fold a brother who has lost interest is more important than wishing for new candidates." This is just as applicable to Alberta as to Rhode Island.

The Report of the Masonic War Service Board shows how active it has been, getting in touch with sons and daughters of members who are serving overseas or in distant parts of the country. Your Reviewer feels sure this important work will be rewarded by a rich harvest for Freemasonry when the boys come home.

There are no Reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R. W. Bro. R. J. Gaunt of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Edmonton.

Number of Lodges, 43. Membership, 13,944. Gain, 156.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. H. A. Crowell.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. H. L. McAuslan.

M.J.B.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in Regina on Wednesday, June 21st,

1944, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. J. A. Brannion on the Throne.

All the principal officers were present as were also 16 Past Grand Masters, and our own Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, answered the roll call along with other Grand Representatives. M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill of Red Deer is the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Alberta. The following distinguished visitors were introduced and presented to Grand Lodge: R. W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore of Alberta, all of whom were honoured by having Honourary Membership conferred on them, and including your humble Reviewer.

There were 380 representatives registered which constitutes a very good attendance indeed. 13 Lodges had their W.M. and both Wardens in attendance whilst 56 Lodges were not represented—not so good, although there was a decided increase in attendance over previous years.

M. W. Bro. Brannion, who requires no introduction to the brethren of Alberta, he having visited us last year, presented a very able and complete report of his stewardship. He travelled widely during his year as Grand Master, attending the Conference of Grand Lodge Officers at Banff and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, also the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Montana in the U.S.A. The Grand Master issued a Proclamation for a special "Go-to-Church" Sunday on June 11th, 1944. Amongst other things in M. W. Bro. Brannion's splendid address I would like to quote the following paragraph in particular:

"I come to the close of my year in office with a sense of having been in the midst of a welter of contending forces, most of them good, but some evil, and of having accepted the duty of doing what I could do to direct the good forces to the best results and warding off the evil ones. In what degree I have succeeded I cannot estimate. Something has been done. Much remains."

Saskatchewan stresses amongst other activities their Benevolent Fund, their Masonic Education and their Re-habilitation organisation. As is the case with a great many other Grand Lodges, Saskatchewan shows a considerable increase in membership. They mourn the loss of their Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson of Prince Albert, who was Grand Master in 1908, they also mourn amongst others, M. W. Bro. Francis B. Reilly of Regina who was Grand Master in 1932. Bro. Reilly was well known to many of us. The unusually large number of Dispensations—225—were issued for various causes.

Eight Fifty-year gold buttons were presented to old members.

198 Lodges. Membership 12,530. Increase in membership, 401.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. John C. Carter, Outlook

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Regina.

S.H.

SCOTLAND

Captain John Christie Stewart of Murdostoun, D.L., J.P., was elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason for the third year in succession, at the Annual Communication held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on November 30th, 1944, an office held by his father before him. In the course of his address he gave the number of initiates as 20,855, an increase of 1,355 over the preceding year, and in view of this increase pleaded for the most careful scrutiny on the part of lodges before admitting candidates.

His remarks upon a previous occasion seem to have borne fruit, as it is recorded that fewer applications for initiation were received from people residing outside Scotland. His remarks anent such are generally applicable to all lodges, "I do think that it is very important that only candidates should be admitted who are likely to prove useful members of lodges, and are in a position to attend lodge meetings regularly. We do not want to have brethren initiated, passing their three degrees and then having nothing further to do with the working of the Lodges."

"Recently we have been receiving applications for membership to the Craft from friendly aliens temporarily resident in this country. I propose in these cases to grant dispensations only in very exceptional circumstances and after fullest consideration has been given to those who belong to countries with whose Grand Lodge we are in amity."

The various reports show the Grand Lodge of Scotland to be in a highly satisfactory condition but the Grand Master Mason emphasized how imperative it was that alongside these outward signs of material prosperity they should still retain the antient fundamental truths which were the foundation of the Order, the spirit of service and high conception of duty, the spirit of religion, of loyalty and of charity.

The District Grand Master of Burma, R. W. Bro. Wm. Air, was present at the Investiture and addressed Grand Lodge, giving interesting details of conditions arising out of the invasion of that land by enemy hordes. There were six Scottish Lodges working in Burma, the two in Rangoon meeting in the very fine temple erected by the District Grand Lodge of Burma of the English Constitution. Two lodges of Insein had a specially constructed building raised by members of Hanthawaddy Lodge. Another lodge in the oilfields met in a building lent to them by the oilfields authorities and the other in Namtu met in their own building erected largely by the physical labours of the brethren themselves. From photographic air-gathered pictures as far as could be seen all these buildings are in good condition. Furniture, records and regalia were buried, in what was hoped might prove recognisable places. Some records and equipment perforce were wilfully destroyed to save them from falling into the hands of the Japanese whose attitude towards Freemasonry is akin to that of the Nazis.

Some brethren and their families were evacuated to India and the Freemasons of Bengal raised nearly ten thousand dollars for their relief.

The Very Reverend Dr. Taylor, Substitute Grand Master gave a most instructive and helpful address to the brethren upon three headings:

1. Masonry is not an end in itself.
2. We are Masons not that we may claim privileges, but that we may serve.

3. We need to remember that the power of Masonry in the world depends upon the contribution of individual Masons.

G.H.C-W.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Membership of 14,046, an increase of 489 for the year 1943.

Exemption of payment of dues granted to 1,143 brethren who have enlisted in His Majesty's forces.

Their War Relief Fund stands at £5,796.17.4, to be employed in the rehabilitation of incapacitated brethren and more important still, to restore to widows and children the place they would have enjoyed had not the husband or father given up his life in the service of King and Country.

A note on a rather vexed question is worthy of record. "Although no opinion has ever been expressed previously by the Board on the question of the propriety of smoking while wearing regalia, it has generally been recognised in the light of an unwritten law in this Jurisdiction that due observance should be given to what has been considered a rule of conduct for generations. It has been noticed, however, that some newly made Freemasons have evidently not been made aware of the accepted practice of refraining from smoking in regalia, and the Board asks for the co-operation of the lodges in preserving one of the ethical understandings of this Grand Lodge." An eminently desirable reminder, not only of the purity of the lambskin and all that it connotes but also of the consecrated precincts wherein it is worn.

Another note from their Proceedings which, however, we in Alberta have scarcely ever experienced, "From reports received, it would appear that there is a misinterpretation of the words 'Street clothes', although it was considered that the description would be quite understood as meaning a suit of clothes in its literal sense, which as the adjective implies, would be normally worn in the street. It was never expected that such a misconstruction would be placed on the words as to include what are known as sports clothes, nor as in one instance it was recorded that the brethren might discard their coats on a warm evening."

One wonders if the following paragraph is in part due to the unusually large accretion of service brethren in the larger towns, down under:

"Visiting is still very much overdone. In my opinion (that of the Grand Inspector of Lodges) some steps will have to be taken regarding this matter. Not only is the hospitality of the lodges overstrained, but the brethren have little opportunity to mingle one with the other in their own lodges. In some cases they become almost strangers to their fellow members."

In the course of the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Excellency Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G., he said: "It has been said that when our love or desire to do good goes forth to others it is termed goodwill or benevolence. To quote a definite example of this goodwill which has come under the notice of the Board during the past month may I refer to a specific case wherein is exemph-

fied the endeavour to practise this virtue in a practical way. Quite unobtrusively and with some diffidence one of our brethren well known to us all, approached the Grand Secretary and expressed his desire to acknowledge in some small way his appreciation of what Freemasonry meant to him. He also wanted to show his sympathy with our efforts in the direction of benevolence. As tangible evidence of that sympathy he left £50/0/0. to be given to the Cottage Homes A/c and insisted that his identity should not be revealed."

"So that a record may be kept in our list of donors to that fund he accepted the suggested nom de plume 'Amicus egentium'—a friend of the needy—exemplifying the true significance of what may be justly called the distinguishing characteristic of every true Freemason's heart. Arrangements were in hand before the war to proceed with the building of more cottages, but of course those arrangements had to be suspended owing to building and other restrictions. In due time, however, it may be a necessity to make provision not only for those for whom the present cottages were erected, namely old brethren and their wives, or widows of brethren and their children, but to extend further our scheme to make provision for contingencies which may arise after and on account of the war. If our brethren could only see the happiness provided for those who occupy these cottages they would feel a deep sense of gratification that we were adopting this means of benevolence for those who need a comfortable little home free from all the worry of commitments due to rent, rates and taxes."

G.H.C.-W.

SOUTH CAROLINA

A special communication was held on December 10th, 1943, at Georgetown, S.C., by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. F. Collins, to dedicate the Hall of Winyah Lodge No. 40. R. W. Bro. Hucks, D.D.G.M., gave a short history of the building stating that it was erected in 1735 with materials brought from England by sailing vessels, to be used as a Colonial Banking House. The first in the colonies.

The 207th Annual Communication was convened in the Crystal Ballroom of the Columbia Hotel on March 8th, 1944, by Grand Master H. F. Collins, with six Past Grand Masters present.

The Grand Representative for Alberta was not present.

Distinguished visitors present included Grand Master Robinson of Maryland, and Senior Grand Warden Coleman of Virginia.

The religious service was conducted by Rev. and Bro. J. E. Carter Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master in his address gave a report covering a very busy year having made ten interstate official visits and 52 state official visits and 6 semi-official visits.

Thirteen brethren were presented with 50 year buttons.

In the Grand Masters decisions he ruled in two cases that all dues must be paid before demit may be granted. That Life Membership is a gift of a particular lodge and is not transferable to another lodge, that one holding life membership may demit but immediately

becomes liable for dues, etc., in a new lodge, that it is unlawful for a member of this jurisdiction to sit in a clandestine lodge or to sit in a lodge with a clandestine mason, and anyone violating this rule is subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion as seems fitting in the particular case. That a ballot is not necessary when the Committee report is unfavorable. That a lodge has the right to amend its by-laws to prohibit life membership. (These rulings were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.)

The summary of membership showed 265 lodges with 236 lodges represented, membership at January 1st, 1944, was 22,981, an increase of 2712.

Unanimous consent was given to the re-election of all elective officers and one ballot was cast.

R. W. Bro. D. Hamar, Past D.D.G.M., was congratulated on raising his seventh son as a Master Mason.

A motion was adopted unanimously that a portrait of the Grand Secretary, O. Frank Hart, be hung in the Grand Lodge Room, he having served for 34 years, faithfully and well.

Alberta proceedings were not reviewed.

The committee on fraternal relations postponed without prejudice, requests for recognition from several Grand Lodges in Mexico.

The next communication will be held March 14th, 1945, at a place to be designated by the Grand Master.

A.W.

SOUTH DAKOTA

An occasional Grand Lodge was convened at White Lake on May 10th, 1944, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Temple of White Lake Lodge No. 85.

The Seventieth Annual Communication was convened in the Masonic Temple at Huron on June 13th, 1944, M. W. Bro. T. N. Engdahl, Grand Master, presiding.

Distinguished guests included Senior Grand Warden Severson of North Dakota, Past Grand Master Raecke of Nebraska, Junior Grand Warden Jacobson of Minnesota, Junior Grand Warden Patton of Illinois.

The Grand Master in his address referred to the lack of transportation due to the shortage of gasoline causing him to miss meetings, but he states masonry is going steadily forward, having a net increase in membership of 236. He attended 11 of the 28 district meetings, 19 meetings within the state and 10 meetings outside the state.

25 fifty-year medals and three sixty-year bronze palms were issued.

Consideration was given to the issuing of a Grand Lodge *Bulletin*, three issues a year. The report was referred to the Finance Committee but no decision is reported.

Summary gives 170 lodges; membership 14,340; gain 236.

Seventy-first Communication will be held at Yankton on June 12th and 13th, 1945.

A.W.

TASMANIA

4,335 members—an increase of 176 for the year 1943.

A report from the Ritual Committee is of interest, "That the brethren should stand with the P/Sn of the Degree, is undoubtedly the Emulation working in regard to the OB's, and was adopted by the Committee when compiling a ritual for Tasmania in 1929, but in August, 1940, it was resolved by Grand Lodge that in deference to the physical strain imposed on some brethren, the Sn/F should be used in all degrees. The Rubric for the Sn/F is now incorporated in the present Ritual, and we advise that unless the original decision is re-adopted, the Sn/F be retained, as faithfulness is appropriate to the act being undertaken by the Candidate, and is a reminder to others, whereas the Sn/R used before the Prayers in the Ritual is in regard not to an act but to the Deity. Moreover the Sn/F is a Masonic sign, which is taught in lodges and is given with a Masonic step, but the Sn/R is an attitude of reverence which is not confined to Masonic circles. It is not taught as a sign and reference to it as such is not made in our ceremonies."

G.H.C-W.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee was held in the Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, on January 26th and 27th, 1944. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Arch. E. McClanahan presided.

362 Lodges were represented.

Nine distinguished visitors were introduced and accorded Grand Honours, and sixteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Grand Master's address, covering his many activities, rulings and suggestions, occupied 22 pages of most interesting reading.

District Meetings were better attended than expected. A tabulation showing percentage of members of lodges present at various District Meetings is given prominence.

The Grand Master pointed out that 241 lodges in his jurisdiction paid less than \$5.00 per annum in dues, and suggested that the necessary by-laws should be amended to increase dues to at least \$5.00 per annum. He further stated that the great majority of lodges in his district charged \$35.00 or less for the three degrees of Masonry, and that he felt there should be a revision upwards. \$25.00 is now the minimum charged by 176 lodges. He recommended that the minimum should be raised to \$35.00.

Ten Masonic Trials were recorded during the year.

In conclusion the Grand Master paid a very high tribute to the work of his subordinate officers.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed a very healthy state, with balance on hand January 3rd, 1944, of \$105,466.00.

It was reported that 642 certificates had been issued to members in good standing for 50 years. 41 of these were issued in 1943. One brother was given a 75 year button.

Because of occasional "poaching" the following Edict is now in force—"That any lodge receiving the petition of an applicant rightfully the material of another lodge, and conferring a degree or degrees upon him, shall forfeit to the Grand Lodge the fee or fees charged therefor, and an additional \$15.00, all to be remitted to the Grand Secretary. A lodge thus offending three times within a year shall have its charter suspended."

No addresses by distinguished visiting brethren were printed in this year's proceedings.

Alberta was among the Grand Lodges reviewed.

Lodges 385. Membership 39,776. Gain 2,265.

M. W. Grand Master—Burton F. Whitaker.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Thomas Earl Doss.

F.P.

UTAH

The Seventy-second Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on Monday, January 24th, 1944.

The Grand Master M. W. Bro. S. P. Dobbs called the brethren to order with 19 Past Grand Masters and 34 Grand Representatives present as well as the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of each of the 26 lodges of the jurisdiction in attendance. M. W. Bro. A. E. Everhardt, Alberta's representatives, was present.

The Grand Master in a report of 24 pages gives a detailed statement of his activities throughout his jurisdiction during a very busy year of office. He reports having made an official visit to each lodge in the jurisdiction accompanied by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, with the exception of one occasion the party included the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Marshal.

The membership increased 106 during the year making a total membership of 4,468 the highest since 1927.

The Grand Correspondent reports having reviewed the Fraternal Correspondence of 52 jurisdictions.

Alberta receives three pages covering its review.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 22nd and 23rd, 1945.

A.W.

VERMONT

Most Worshipful Bro. Cady L. Earle, Grand Master.

103 Lodges. Membership 16,228. Increase 210.

Alberta's Representative in Vermont, Charles H. Darling, Burlington, not present. Vermont's Representative in Alberta, John Booth, Edmonton.

For the first time since 1940 we are able to review the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, who held their One Hundred and Fifty-first annual meeting at Burlington on June 14th and 15th, 1944, A.L. 5944. Most Worshipful Brother Cady L. Earle presided, He was the 49th Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

A very excellent and comprehensive address gives a brief history of the early days of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and covers in considerable detail the work and accomplishments of the year then closing. It is interesting to note that the Vermont Masons undertook to raise \$25,000.00 for their War Fund in a period of three months and that with willing shoulders to the wheel this sum was exceeded and \$32,214.00 was subscribed. Vermont must be a very healthy state and the privileges of the Fraternity surely provide much peace of mind, for we find that no fewer than sixty-seven 50-year buttons were presented during the year. Some of these buttons, through the tardiness of the Lodge Secretaries concerned (the patient and often much maligned Secretary!) were actually 58-year buttons.

Grand Master Earle refers to his Masonic Letter and to its success in imparting information to brethren who had not been attending lodge and who had apparently lost interest. One brother wrote: "It is the first time I have ever heard from Masonry except when my lodge writes for my dues". The Letter was sent to all members of Vermont Lodges and, it seems, created great interest. Too often active members forget those who do not attend, possibly they have a sound reason for not attending at first and then get a feeling of being ignored. A little interest on the part of members at large, as well as lodge officers, in absent members, pays excellent dividends, reduces suspensions N.P.D. and cannot fail to have a good effect on the lodge.

It is noted with interest that an Annual Church Sunday was proclaimed.

Considerable space is given to the Burlington Masonic Service Centre and Burlington members are to be congratulated on their accomplishments. The Masonic Service Association also reports a heavy volume of work amongst Service Personnel, 12.28% of those welcomed were Masons.

M. W. Bro. Cady L. Earle concludes his Address with a clarion call to service that can scarcely fall on deaf ears and at the conclusion of the Communication he handed his Gavel over to M. W. Bro. Milton S. Czatt.

The Proceedings contain a wealth of detailed information on the work of the various lodges. Complete Lodge Registers are published for each lodge. Alberta is very generously reviewed for 1943 and Grand Master F. P. Galbraith quoted at length. The necessity for curtailing our reviews has, we sincerely hope, now passed and, M. W. Bro. Grout,

we have much pleasure in again including Vermont on our list. We earnestly pray that such necessity shall not again arise as we feel sure that the many members who read these reviews have missed those that we felt obliged to omit, as much as the reviewers have missed the opportunity of commenting on the work of a sister Jurisdiction. (Although this reviewer is new at the job.)

We would like to say that Vermont has had an excellent Masonic Ambassador in Edmonton with the American Forces in Bro. Major Alfred H. Catozzi, of Black River Lodge No. 85, Ludlow, Vermont, and it has given us a great deal of pleasure to welcome Bro. Catozzi at many of our meetings, together with a good many of his fellow Americans.

E. H. R.

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA)

For the second term Most Worshipful Brother, His Honour Henry Book, K.C., LL.B., was elected and installed Grand Master of this large and virile Jurisdiction. From his address we are made acquainted with, to some of us, a rather unusual custom, the exercise of a veto incorporated, apparently in the Grand Mastership, of the acceptance or rejection of candidates against whom objection may have been secretly mooted. The Grand Master's reference to this custom deserves quotation in full:

"May I refer briefly to one of the responsibilities of a Grand Master which is little known, but which takes up a good deal of time, and in some cases involves much thought and consideration. I refer to the cases which are much more frequent than most people imagine, where objections are raised by individual Freemasons to the initiation of particular candidates. Each of these cases has to be considered carefully, and a just decision, so far as that is possible, has to be made. To one not unaccustomed to making decisions upon evidence, this task is one of peculiar difficulty having regard to the fact that the ordinary rules are observed. As you know the objections are made under the cover of secrecy, and are regarded as strictly confidential. Not only can they not be disclosed to the candidate, who thus has no real opportunity of testing or refuting them, but they cannot even be communicated to his proposer and seconder, nor to the members of the lodge. It has been my practice, as well I think as that of my predecessors to give the benefit of any doubt not to the candidate, who is in the position of the accused, but to the Craft to which he seeks admission. The result must necessarily be unsatisfactory in some cases when judged by ordinary standards as they prevail in our Courts of Law; but that is inevitable under the circumstances. In mentioning this, I desire to emphasize something which is not always understood and which is important, namely, that the staying of a candidate by the Grand Master casts no reflection whatever upon his proposer or seconder, or upon the members of the lodge which may have elected to accept him. Experience of human nature shows that there are men who, in certain circles, bear the highest reputation, and yet whose unworthiness to be admitted to our Order may be well known to others. May I take this opportunity of expressing again the necessity for the strictest caution and care in the selection of candidates for this great Fraternity,

whose strength will depend upon the character of its individual members."

We are not quite clear about the exercise of a veto of a Grand Master "upon the members of the lodge which may have elected to accept him" and wonder at which stage in the progression of the candidate the veto is applied.

After an eloquent address by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Very Worshipful Brother, the Most Reverend J. J. Booth, M.C., M.A., Th.Soc., Past Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master received Representatives of the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Military Forces, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Merchant Navy, the Australian Red Cross Society, the Australian Comforts Fund and the Freemasons' War Relief Fund, to whom he distributed gifts from a Fund of £39,084.0.0, raised by the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction.

To the Royal Australian Navy, £3,000 to build and equip a Library and restroom for the ratings.

To the Australian Military Forces, £3,000 for a Mobile Dental Surgery to operate in the front line, and a completely fitted Educational Unit.

To the Royal Australian Air Force, £3,000 for two Mobile X-Ray Units.

To the Merchant Navy £1,000, for the Missions to Seamen and the Melbourne Sailors' Home.

To the Australian Red Cross, £1,000.

To the Australian Comforts Fund, £1,000.

To the balance is to be added £21,000, making a Fund totalling £48,000 to be used to meet the urgent calls which may be made upon it. All an applicant has to do to benefit from that Fund is to affirmatively answer these three questions:

- (1) Are you a Freemason?
- (2) Have you served in the Fighting Services?
- (3) Are you in need?

The custom of issuing Membership cards, long known to our Grand Jurisdiction has now been introduced in the Grand Jurisdiction of Victoria and is designated an Identification Badge. The wording is rather new to us; instead of our certification "that Brother Blank is a Master Mason in good standing" the Badge reads: "This is to certify that the Brother whose signature is appended is a financial Member of the above Order."

The practice of allowing persons who are not Freemasons to take part in entertainments at the Festive Board of subordinate lodges is declared wrong and must not be permitted.

An appreciative and comprehensive report upon the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as provided by the Proceedings, appears in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, over the signature of the worthy Representative Rt. Wor. Brother Hamilton S. Smith, P.S.G.W., to whom our thanks are tendered.

G.H.C-W.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was held in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, starting on February 8th, 1944, at 2:30 p.m. and presided over by M. W. Bro. William R. Weisiger, Grand Master.

The Grand Master stated that the afternoon session was called for the purpose of receiving the Reports, and these, though necessarily detailed, were illuminating and instructive.

The Report on War Service showed that 1,672 masons were on active service from this jurisdiction.

The Treasurer's Report budgeted for a yearly outlay of \$153,185.00.

At the evening session 13 distinguished guests were presented to the Grand Master and ten Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Virginia were presented by the Grand Marshall.

Alberta was not represented in the group of 48 Grand Representatives.

The D.D.G.M.'s Reports showed a great variation in interest, and only 18, about one-third, were on hand to present their reports.

After extending a warm welcome to the brethren present, the Grand Master, in his address, gave a very full account of his stewardship both within and outside the boundaries of his jurisdiction.

He attended the special conference of Grand Masters at Washington on February 23rd, 24th, 1943, and took a leading part in the discussion on "Courtesy Work and the Problems Incident Thereto."

He reported on the passing of M. W. Bro. James H. Price on November 22nd, 1943, a loss not only to Virginia, but also to Masonry in North America.

The Grand Master praised the work of the Masonic Home, Board of Governors, and pointed out that the Endowment Fund for the home now amounted to over \$260,000.00.

In the course of his address he found it expedient to place on record the fact that he felt a little aggrieved at the Grand Lodge proceedings being published so late and inferred that the Grand Secretary was to blame. The Committee to whom this was referred, was very tactful in finding a way out of the difficulty.

He reported that 55 Fifty-Year Emblems have been awarded during his year of office.

In summing up, the Grand Master, in thinking of the ravages of war, stated that "our civilization can be maintained and restored only by remembering and re-discovering the truths, and by re-establishing the virtuous habits on which it was founded."

M. W. Bro. Henry E. Jackson, Grand Master of West Virginia, M. W. Bro. Frank Hart, P.G.M., of South Carolina, M. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen, P.G.M., of North Carolina, and M. W. Bro. Walter W. Hynson, Grand Master of Delaware, all gave most interesting addresses based on how to meet the trying situations which will arise

after the war. Peace, when it comes, must be based on the Principles found within the Great Light of Masonry.

We note, with regret, that R. W. Bro. Clift has given up work in the Foreign Correspondence field. Best wishes to his successor.

Next Annual Communication will be held at Richmond, February 14th, 1945.

Alberta proceedings are fully and kindly reviewed.

Lodges 321. Membership 40,808. Gain 1,316.

M. W. Grand Master—J. M. Stewart.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James M. Clift.

F.P.

WASHINGTON

A solemn note pervaded the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, held in the City of Wenatchee on Tuesday, 20th June, 1944, for their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Donald F. Kizer, passed away on February 20th, while he was visiting the lodges on the western side of his Jurisdiction. It therefore fell upon the Deputy Grand Master Rt. W. Bro. Ford Q. Elvidge, to assume the Grand East and preside over the Sessions.

Alberta would at this time extend her heartfelt sympathy to the brethren of Washington in the loss they have thus sustained and their condolences to the widow with the fervent prayer that the Most High will comfort and sustain her in the sad hour of bereavement.

The annual address of the Grand Master, always a high light of any Grand Lodge, and the epitome that characterizes the incumbent of that high office, is perforce missing. However, R. W. Bro. Leslie W. Lee, S.G.W., has prepared from the records of the Grand Master the latter's opinions, rulings and other statistical matter which were read into the proceedings.

From the message of R. W. Bro. Ford Q. Elvidge, Deputy Grand Master, we learn that M. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Brown, Grand Master of British Columbia, and well known to Albertans, was present at and took part in the funeral services of M. W. Bro. Kizer. It appears that the Grand Master of Washington had been a guest of British Columbia at a lodge meeting in Victoria and the compliment had been returned by the Grand Master of British Columbia attending the District Meeting at Port Townsend, which, unfortunately, proved to be M. W. Bro. Kizer's last meeting.

Among the rulings given by the Acting Grand Master we note that a person who claimed to be a member of a Lodge in Vienna, Austria, at the time of the Anschluss, and who carried evidence of that fact, and who was being permitted to visit lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington was ineligible to petition for affiliation unless he could produce a demit. May it not be that the question of Masonic Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Austria would be a barrier to his admission to a lodge?

The Grand Secretary's report shows an increase of 2,331 members.

The address on the reception of the Grand Representatives was given by the Senior Grand Warden and replied to by M. W. Bro. Charles P. Kirkland, P.G.M., Grand Representative for the Province of British Columbia. We are pleased to note M. W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, Dean of Past Grand Masters and Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was able to be present and represent us at this ceremony.

The M. W. the Grand Master of the State of Oregon and the Deputy Grand Master of the State of California were present and had a message for the members of Grand Lodge.

Possibly the outstanding feature of these Proceedings is the report of the Grand Historian, W. Bro. James C. Harrigan. After dealing with the origin of Masonry and endeavouring to trace it down to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, he proceeds to take up the history of Masonry in his own state of Washington with its formation in 1853 as a Territory and the establishment of a Grand Lodge. This history is unique in that it deals with subjects such as "Laws on Visitation, Visitation by Documentary Evidence, Relationship of Non-Affiliates, etc." and endeavours to trace the attitude of Grand Lodge on these subjects down through the years. We commend the Worshipful Brother for his excellent work.

In the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, Alberta for 1943 receives very generous treatment a complete synopsis of our Proceedings with quotations from M. W. Bro. Galbraith's address. On the Report of our Benevolence Committee the reviewer remarks, "One must admire the earnestness and sincerity of Alberta Masons." Thank you, for those kind words. He also congratulates us upon our generosity and selection of donees in connection with our War Distress Fund. We are very happy to review the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and find much that is of interest to the Craft.

W.I.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction cover their Centenary year. They have a membership of 10,795 with an increase of 648 for the year and 1800 brethren in the Services.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Dr. J.S. Battye, does our Grand Jurisdiction in general some honour and our Most Worshipful Brother George Moore particular credit by quoting very freely from our Grand Secretary's address delivered when he was Grand Master.

Prior to that portion of M. W. Bro. Battye's address, he deals with what must be very rare, even in these days of free speech, a radio broadcast by a cleric, presumably a Romanist, criticising Freemasonry.

"During the Quarter most of you have probably heard a clerical broadcast in which Freemasonry was criticised from what was said to be the point of view of the Church concerned. As Freemasons we have no quarrel with the doctrines or dogmas of any Church, but we doubt whether His Holiness the Pope, who has the respect and veneration of all right-minded people, would lay claim to the omniscience that the

broadcaster in question does. Perhaps we may excuse him on the ground that even the very young are not always right. But whilst the attitude of any Church towards Freemasonry may not concern us or incidentally give us any cause for uneasiness, there were certain phases in that broadcast that call for reference. In the first place though Freemasonry is not and has never claimed to be a religion, Freemasons are religious in the sense that they believe in a personal God and have given their adherence to the same high principles and tenets as the Church generally. Freemasonry is not therefore, atheistic as was claimed; and in point of fact it subscribes to and carries out religious principles quite as sincerely and effectively as many adherents of dogmatic religious bodies. In the next place all statements expressed in regard to Freemasonry were derived from publications not recognised in English Freemasonry, not one of which can be regarded in any way as authoritative, and nearly all of which were spurious or ignorantly enthusiastic. Thirdly, the broadcaster's knowledge of Freemasonry seems to have been derived entirely from what he had read of the Grand Orient of France."

"He was oblivious or ignorant of the fact that all English-speaking and many foreign Grand Lodges do not regard the Grand Orient as true Freemasonry, for the very simple reason that it excludes the Bible from its Lodge ceremonies. It is a simple reason but it sweeps away the foundations of the remarks that were made. We have no desire to enter into controversy, but I would like to say, on behalf of every Freemason, that we respect all churches and recognise the good they are doing. In the expansion of that good work Freemasonry can and does play no unimportant part."

To mark the Centenary of this Grand Jurisdiction the M. W. the Grand Master has set an objective of half a million dollars to create a Benevolent Fund the interest from which would defray most of the annual grants to the poor and distressed. This is quite ambitious, especially when it is known that there are only 8,329 active members in the State, and already they have a Benevolent Fund of \$125,000.00 and a Widows, Orphans and Aged Freemasons Fund of more than three hundred thousand dollars. It would seem this Grand Jurisdiction are striving to exemplify real beneficence and charity. We shall pray that their objective be realised.

We can sympathize with the Inspector of No. 4 District; he might almost be operating in parts of Alberta. "I was unable to be present at the Installation and the Wor. Bro. who was appointed to represent the M. W. Grand Master had the misfortune to meet with an accident on his farm an hour or so before he was to leave for Wongan Hills, and was thus prevented from attending. I endeavoured to contact the brethren of the lodge per telephone, but as the line was faulty was unable to do so and a telegram to the Secretary and Master did not reach them until the following morning."

We note there is no mention of roads, and that is where we may have an advantage or not, perhaps.

G.H.C-W.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Eightieth Annual Communication was held at Charleston on October 11th and 12th, A.L. 5944, A.D. 1944, the Grand Master,

M. W. Bro. H. E. Jackson, presiding.

Among the representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia introduced after the Grand Lodge had been opened in ample form was M. W. Bro. F. F. Flaig, P.G.M., representing the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jackson, gave a very practical and inspiring address. Referring to Arrearage in Dues, he drew attention to the General Laws and Regulations which require that lodge dues shall be payable in advance at the beginning of the calendar year, January 1st. If they are not paid on January 2nd the brother is in arrears for the year. We, in Alberta, have a similar Law in our Constitution, and yet how many brethren observe it?

Giving his impressions of the Annual Conference of Grand Masters, he stated this is a no-charter, non-constitution association of Grand Masters for the time being. Among the various subjects discussed were: (1) Readjustment of Freemasonry in this Country (U.S.A.) after the war; (2) Landmarks; and (3) Physical and age qualifications of petitioners.

He said it was "doubtful if any Grand Master present at the Conference would recommend to his Grand Lodge any changes in its usage and customs to conform to the notions expressed in the sundry discussions—unless it be to urge the Craft generally to adhere to the fundamentals presented by M. W. Bro. H. Horn of Colorado, in order to insure the preservation of the Fraternity in these trying days and those to come after the war."

Finally, he said, "All in all the Conference is a valuable thing." M. W. Bro. T. C. Wardley of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario sized up the 1944 sessions most aptly when he said, "I have enjoyed the discussions here. Frankly speaking, a great deal of what was said I do not agree with. But that is my privilege. Someone might suspect that I came over to learn just what to do; but I think the great value is that we often learn just what we should not do."

In a very fine peroration to his address the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jackson, said, "As we think of this contribution as Masons to Masons, may we on the wings of imagination fly back through the mists of the centuries, pause on the brow of Mount Moriah and view with delight the magnificent temple erected by King Solomon to the Living God, and dedicated to His Holy Name, its matchless beauty, its massive and elaborate proportions, its unsurpassed symmetry, its rich and expensive workmanship. There let the tools and implements of architecture that made it possible, and symbolic emblems, point us to the superb Systems of Morals, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. May we in a new way see speculative Masonry and make real application of its teachings and philosophy and help build more stately, more beautiful and everlasting temples in the hearts of our veterans and Craftsmen that shall be everlasting and immortal."

The principal speaker at this Communication was R. W. Dr. Edgar Cordell Powers, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, who chose for his subject, "The Tenets of our Order, revealed by the Great Light of Masonry." Your reviewer feels this address is far too good to attempt to take excerpts and would strongly urge the reader to try and borrow the Proceedings from the Grand Lodge library in

Calgary, or possibly the Editor of our Grand Lodge *Bulletin* might be persuaded to obtain permission to reprint the complete address. Fortunately indeed, were those who heard it delivered.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a complete draft of the General Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge and of the Code of Trials, together with Notes of decisions and interpretations. This is appended to the Proceedings and occupies 94 pages. While these are largely restatements of Masonic law, they are well worth reading and studying by all Past Masters, both in Alberta as well as West Virginia.

Among the Distinguished Dead of other Grand Jurisdictions we note the name of our beloved Brother, the Rev. G. W. Kerby, D.D., P.G.M.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has a Foreword by the chairman, M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., and from this we regret to learn of his sickness, having dictated the Foreword from his bed in hospital. Brother Tavenner was then approaching his ninetieth year. We hope, Sir, that ere this you have completely recovered and we rejoice to see you have again been appointed a member of the Committee.

While there are many Canadian Proceedings reviewed, we regret Alberta is not included—possibly a copy was not received in time to be reviewed.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, of Renfrew Lodge No. 134, Calgary.

Number of Lodges, 165. Membership, 31,192. Gain, 1,359.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Nelson E. Cook.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. I. Wade Coffman, P.G.M.

M.J.B.

WISCONSIN

The One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, U.S.A., was held in Milwaukee, June 13th and 14th, 1944, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. L. D. Potter, presiding. The gavel was the original one used at the opening of the first session of this Grand Lodge, January 18th, 1844.

The Grand Master in his Report mentions the Schools of Instruction, conducted by one of the Proficiency officers, which had been generally well attended. In a few lodges where the officers failed to attend he ordered special Schools of Instruction to be held at the expense of the lodge or lodges involved.

He mentioned that eighty-nine brethren had each received a Fifty-year Membership Certificate—truly a wonderful record.

To celebrate the Centennial an historical account of this Grand Lodge had been prepared. Unfortunately, it was not possible to include this in the Proceedings. The Grand Master mentioned the success of a special campaign to raise money for Masonic Service Centres,

on behalf of Masonry and the boys in the armed forces—the first result of this drive showed the sum of over \$130,000 had been collected.

The Report of the Grand Secretary is, as usual with Grand Secretaries, very comprehensive. He concludes his Report with a quotation from the address of the first Grand Master, one-hundred years ago:

“But we also hold a relation to our Country, out of which strong and weighty obligations arise. The country in which we live is now gathering a population from all the States in the Union, as well as from the face of the whole civilized world. Men are here thrown together under all the various prejudices and predilections that can be implanted in the mind from the various countries, customs and institutions, civil, social, and religious, found in as many countries as those from which they hail—each seeking his own fortune or fame, in the pursuit of which interests clash, prejudices are aroused and passions rankle in the breasts of aspirants either in property or politics; and but for the catholic and gentle spirit of Christianity, and her co-worker in the cause of humanity, Masonry, the fair fabric of our civil institutions would fail to hold the discordant materials in mass, and our beloved country would be made to mourn the departure of peace from her bosom and prosperity from her borders.”

The evening of the first day of this Communication was given over to the Centennial Celebration, when approximately 5,000 Master Masons gathered at the Milwaukee Auditorium, which was tyled for the occasion. An elaborate programme of a patriotic nature had been arranged. The principal speaker of the evening was R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. McIllyar H. Lichliter, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Ohio, who took as his subject, “Which Way Ahead?”

He spoke of the danger of preferring or overemphasizing the mechanics of Freemasonry to the loss of its spiritual meaning. Is it the institutional mind or fraternal spirit? Are we making as much as we should of each other? Do we give more attention to the business of making the wheels go round than we do to making our professions of brotherhood more real? Speaking of the world after the war, he said, “Unless a fresh, vigorous breath of human brotherhood shall sweep over the war-weary peoples of the world and bring them hope, unless the fraternal spirit shall have a new birth of meaning and power, there will not be a post-war world worth talking about. Let us make no mistake—there will be no facile return to normalcy after this war. We shall not look back over these war years as men awakening from a troubled dream. We shall face the grimmest of all realities—the certainty of a third and still more tragic world war within a generation, unless we put an end to all imperialisms which exploit the weak, unless we deal fairly and with justice with the coloured peoples of the world, and unless we care more for peace and the lives of our sons than we do for gold.”

Later, in this wonderful address, he said, “I do not conceive of Freemasons as a pressure group. I think of Freemasons as a leavening influence within the social order.” And, finally, “We have always been builders—we men of this Ancient Craft. The historic Past and the tragic Present call us to be builders of this civilization in the heart of a stricken world.”

This was a most broadminded, inspiring address, which must

have impressed its 5,000 listeners to a true meaning of "Which Way Ahead?"

There is no review of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, but the Foreign Correspondent, M. W. Bro. R. O. Jaspersen, P.G.M., prefixes the Review of other Grand Lodges with a thoughtful Foreword in which this pregnant sentence occurs: "... we instinctively breathe the wish that those who come after us will cherish that which we have bequeathed to them and not try to make it over to suit their younger and more inexperienced ideals of what ought and what ought not to be." "Thoughtful men wonder if Masonry will be able to survive the cataclysmic changes that seem imminent as a result of this devastating war. We do, indeed wonder, but we cherish the hope that as in the past Masonry will ride out the storm and will continue to be a rock upon which men may build when all about them seems shifting sand."

We Freemasons in Alberta join with M. W. Bro. Jaspersen in this hope so well expressed.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie, of Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Crossfield.

Number of Lodges, 306. Membership, 51,258. Gain, 454.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Herbert L. Mount.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. William F. Weiler, P.G.M.

M.J.B.

WYOMING

The Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the City of Sheridan on August 28th and 29th, 1944, with Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Dr. G. O. Hanna presiding.

Amongst the distinguished guests there were three Grand Masters from neighbouring States, namely those of North Dakota, Nebraska and South Carolina.

There were also fourteen Past Grand Masters of their own jurisdiction present.

The Grand Master in his address stated that the year had been one of activity and revealed a substantial increase in membership.

In his letter addressed to the new Worshipful Masters of Lodges he stated, "You should praise those who try and encourage others to do likewise." A thought which if put into more general use would bring much benefit to all.

Wyoming have added the Grand Lodge of Chile and the Grand Lodge of Argentina, to the list of officially recognized Grand Lodges.

We notice through the various reports reference to the difficulty experienced in getting necessary supplies. May the cause for this situation speedily end.

Due to the improved financial conditions, most lodges are doing more work than has been the case for several years. The calls on their charitable funds are less, but it is pointed out that whilst these conditions are likely only temporary, it is incumbent upon the members not to slacken their efforts as the need will likely be greater with the passing of the temporary conditions.

It was decided to present fifty-year buttons to members who qualify, and the necessary permission was given for the issue of a suitable button.

The increase in membership has more than kept pace with the increased population of the State during the life of Grand Lodge; showing a net increase for the year of 455, the heaviest loss having been through death, the membership stands at 8,405 for the 50 lodges.

Grand Master—J. L. Sawyer, Torrington.

Grand Secretary—Irving E. Clark, Casper.

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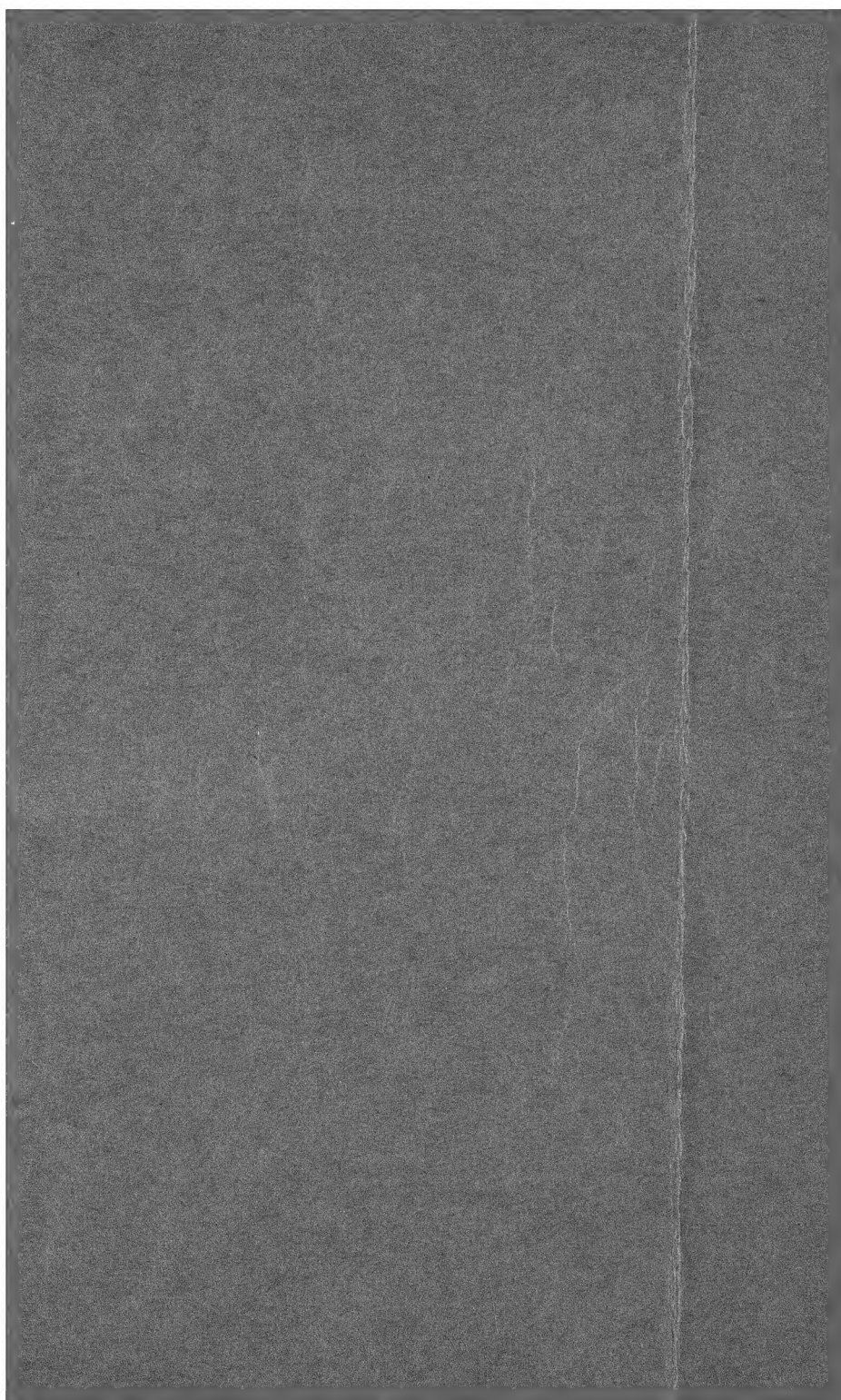
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R.W. Grand Secretary:

GEORGE MOORE, Calgary, Alta.



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